

August, 2019

Dear Fifth Grader,

I hope you had a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable summer and are getting ready to return to Merion for your last year of elementary school. This is the year when you become the "oldest and wisest" in the school. With this comes more privileges and more responsibilities. We carry out experiments in science to learn about force and motion, hold debates to develop our persuasion skills, "travel back in time" to learn about Native American tribes, read a variety of genres including lots of nonfiction, and become investigators to figure out various mathematical concepts.

To help you prepare for everything we do this year, there is a list of supplies that you should have for the first week of school on the next page. If you cannot get everything by the first day, just be sure to have a chapter book to read. Reading is a big part of our daily routine, so you should always have a book handy!

Your first assignment is to enjoy the rest of your summer. On the first day of school come with a smile and be ready to make your last year at Merion the best it can be. I want this year to be a productive, positive, engaging, and overall memorable experience for you. See you September! 4th on the blacktop!

Your fifth grade teacher,

Mrs. Boyer

P.S. Please ask your parents to send me an email at boyerk@lmsd.org with your name and their name in the subject line so that I can create a class email distribution list.

Thank you!

****Suggested Supply List****

- ✓ Composition book (You will use this as your writer's notebook so choose something that is colorful and will help inspire you as a writer!)
- ✓ two **1 1/2" binders** (PLEASE no trapper keepers, zippers, or Velcro binders)
**I would recommend a durable brand (suggestion: Staples' *Better* brand seems to hold up well!)
- ✓ two soft pencil cases w/ holes (to keep in each binder)
- ✓ two packs of #2 mechanical pencils (pack of at least 6)
- ✓ at least 2 packs of lead (refill)
- ✓ at least 8 erasable pens (blue or black—friction pens recommended)
- ✓ one pack of colored pens (must contain one red pen)
- ✓ one pack of 3x3 post-its
- ✓ one set of ear buds OR headphones
- ✓ one pack of looseleaf
- ✓ two packs of 8-tab "Write-On" plastic dividers (you should be able to write directly on the tab *please do not get the dividers with the tab inserts)
- ✓ one pack of colored pencils (at least 24-pack, please)
 - sharpener-optional

Note: I will provide a math binder, folders, highlighters, erasers, reinforcements, calculators, art supplies, and rulers.

Classroom donations are greatly appreciated!

*1-2 box(es) of tissues

Homework assignment books will be provided in school.

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed. **PLEASE RETURN BY 9/9/19.**

Thank you!

Child's Name _____ Homeroom: _____

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

- What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?

- How would you rate your child's study habits? (circle one)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

(awful)

(super)

What *study skills* does your child need to develop? (neatness, timeliness, organization, etc.)

- Which academic subjects are your child's best? Weakest?

- What particular academic areas would you like to see emphasized?

- What *social skills* would you like to see developed?

- Are there any *personal* or *physical problems* I should know (or conference privately) about?

- Other comments or concerns?

Parent Signature _____