

August 2019

Dear Fantabulous 5th grader,

Hello! I am so excited to welcome you to your new classroom next week. This will be an amazing year of *learning and fun-filled adventures*. I promise!

This year you and your classmates will be the big kids on the block at Merion. With that comes a lot of *big expectations*. You are entering your last, and very important, year as an elementary school student. You will have more *privileges and responsibilities* meant to prepare you for middle school and beyond. And, I am certain that with *effort* you will manage those well and have a great year in 5Do!

Our first week together will be spent building a classroom community, developing classroom rules, and determining some of your social and academic goals for the year. I will be calling you mid-morning on Labor Day to introduce myself and to see if you have any questions about our year ahead.

See you on Tuesday, September 3rd!

Excitedly,

Mrs. Doran

P.S. Please ask your parents to send an email with your name in the subject line to dorand@lmsd.org for distribution list purposes.

****Suggested Supply List****

- ✓ **Composition book** (writer's notebook)
- ✓ one **1 1/2" white binder** (PLEASE no trapper keepers, zippers, or Velcro binders)
- ✓ two **soft pencil cases w/ holes** (to keep in each binder – students will be provided a red math binder)
- ✓ pencils (at least 8)
- ✓ at least **8 erasable pens** (blue or black—friction pens recommended)
- ✓ one pack of **colored pens** (must contain one red pen)
- ✓ highlighters (at least two)
- ✓ one pack of **3x3 post-its**
- ✓ one set of **ear buds** OR **headphones**
- ✓ one pack of **looseleaf**
- ✓ one pack of **graph paper** (one centimeter) for math
- ✓ one pack of **colored pencils** (at least 24-pack, please)

Note: I will provide a math binder, folders, dividers, reinforcements, calculators, 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?

