August, 2021

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 early people, 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 soon!

Your fifth grade teacher,

Mrs. Boyer
**Suggested Supply List**

- one **1 1/2” binder** (PLEASE no trapper keepers, zippers, or Velcro binders)
  
  **Suggestion:** any color EXCEPT RED and a durable brand (Staples’ Better brand holds up well!)

- **composition book** (this will be your Writer’s Notebook)

- two **soft pencil cases w/ holes**

- **#2 mechanical pencils** (at least 6)

- at least **2 packs of lead** (refill)

- **erasable pens** (at least 5 blue or black—friction pens work well)

- one pack of **colored pens** (do NOT need to be erasable)

- one pack of **3x3 post-its**

- one set of **ear buds** OR **headphones**

- one pack of **8-tab “Write-On” plastic dividers**

- one pack of **colored pencils** (at least 24-pack, please)
  
  o sharpener-optional**

- **scissors**

- **glue sticks** (pack of 3)

- **small bottle of hand sanitizer for desk** (non-scented, please!)

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

Classroom donations are greatly appreciated!

*1-2 box(es) of tissues*