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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Happy Summer! My name is Ms. Pinckney, and I will be your child's teacher this fall for Grade 5 English Language Arts (ELA), Social Studies and Health. I am looking forward to getting to know your children and engaging with them in the learning process.

In ELA, students will develop greater competence and confidence with their reading skills including comprehension, inference, and fluency as we explore many genres of literature. We will also focus on various forms of writing, vocabulary, grammar and recitation.

In Social Studies, we will examine key events in United States history. The Westward Expansion, Civil War & Reconstruction, the Industrial Revolution, 9/11 and milestones of New Jersey and Paterson's history are central topics included in the Grade 5 curriculum.

In Health, we will explore social and emotional health, personal growth, nutrition and health conditions, diseases and medicines. In this post-pandemic era, there are many new insights about protecting our health and safety for students to be informed about.

In order to prevent the "summer slide" students should read daily for a minimum of 30 minutes and complete the summer work assigned by Mrs. McCaffrey, the Grade 4 ELA teacher. They may visit [learning ally.org](https://www.learningally.org) to register for the summer reading program to track their progress. **Students who complete 25 hours of reading over the summer will earn a pizza party in September.**

In Grade 5 students will be expected to complete assignments on time, use the required online programs and to do their best work at all times. It is essential that students check the Google Classroom daily. This is where information about assignments, announcements and assessments will be found. Parents, you may also visit there to stay up to date about classwork as well. **Be sure to connect to ClassDojo! This is how teachers communicate the most up to date news. Class Dojo has a translation feature that supports bilingual communication so we can be in touch.**

Supplies for September:

- 4 marble composition notebooks
- 2 dozen #2 pencils
- 3 heavy duty folders
- 2 highlighters
- 1 covered pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil case
- 2 box of tissues
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 4 dry erase markers

Have a safe, enjoyable and healthy summer! Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at pinckneyl@Paterson.k12.nj.us.

Best,
Ms. Lynette Pinckney