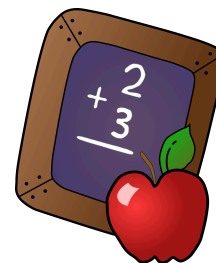


June 4, 2026

Dear Parents/ Guardians of Incoming Fifth Graders:

We extend a warm welcome to you and your children. The fifth grade teachers are very excited about beginning a new year with our students and we hope that your children are also excited about the new challenges at the middle school. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!



Here are some suggestions as you prepare for your first year at the middle school. Please note that assistance is available by contacting the school in cases of financial hardship.

- 3-ring binders **are not suggested**. These cause problems for storage in lockers... and for transportation in book bags. Plastic pencil boxes **are also not suggested** as they break open easily/spill items...both in class and when students are traveling from place to place. **Zip up pencil pouches** are a great alternative!!
- **Please purchase** collapsible backpacks only and not the big wheeled backpacks. Locker space is limited and the larger backpacks do not fit in lockers well. Lockers are only 10 inches wide.
- **Students do need: six (6) single subject notebooks**. They also need: **at least five (5) pencils on hand EVERY day, pencil top erasers, a hand held sharpener, glue sticks, scissors, colored pencils AND a zip-up pencil pouch** to carry these supplies in. Students will need to replenish these supplies throughout the school year so extra supplies should be kept on hand (in the locker). Each student **will be provided** with a multi pocket folder (10 pockets-each labeled) for papers and homework. Please do not purchase additional folders.
- Please note that white-out, pens, and permanent markers are not allowed.

There are daily homework assignments that the students are responsible for recording in their agendas. Agendas are issued the first day of school.

The grade five faculty and staff are looking forward to working with you and your children when school opens this Fall. Please remember to have your child read **one** book from the summer reading list prior to the first day of school and complete the project provided. We hope you have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
The Fifth Grade Team  
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#### Shopping List:

- 6 single-subject spiral notebooks
- pencils (replenish all year)
- erasers
- hand held sharpener
- glue sticks
- colored pencils
- zip up pencil pouch
- scissors