

Hello, 5th Grader!

We are so excited to welcome you to fifth grade next year! We've already started getting our supplies ready and planning all the amazing things we're going to learn and do together. It's going to be a year full of discovery, creativity, and fun, and we can't wait to have you be a part of it.

In fifth grade, we'll take a journey through American history, learning about the 50 states, Native Americans, the American Revolution, and the important people and events that shaped our country. You'll also get to explore outer space—planets, stars, the moon, and more! In reading and writing, we'll dive into all kinds of texts, from fiction to nonfiction, poetry to personal narratives, and you'll have plenty of chances to write and share your own ideas.

There's so much to look forward to, and we know this will be a year full of growth and excitement. We're counting down the days until we get to meet you, learn together, and make unforgettable memories. Get ready for a fantastic fifth-grade adventure—we're so glad you'll be joining us!

Before the school year begins, we hope you have a fun and relaxing summer. Spend time with your family and friends, enjoy the sunshine, and even read a good book or two (or three). We hope you come back refreshed and ready for all the exciting adventures we'll have together in fifth grade.

Sincerely,

Your Future 5th Grade Teachers

Fifth Grade Supply List

2026 - 2027



Earbuds (in a Ziploc bag marked with your name)

2 - black ultra-fine sharpies

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2 rolls of scotch tape

1 - 36 count box of colored pencils

24 - #2 pencils (Ticonderoga brand sharpens the best)

1 - block eraser/cap erasers

1- fine tip markers (any count)

4 - highlighters

1 - 6 pack (or more) of Expo brand Low Odor markers

6-8 - Elmer's glue sticks

1 - one subject notebook

1 -pair of scissors

2 - plastic, 2-pocket folders - any colors

1 - pencil bag (must fit in desk)

3- Pack Post-it notes

Tissues (are always needed)

Clorox wipes (for the classroom) Optional but appreciated

Ms. Costa

Hi! My name is Colleen Costa, and I reside in Manchester, NH, where I grew up and have lived most of my life. I graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a BA in Elementary Education (K-8), with a concentration in History. Before joining the HUES Team, I spent 10 years at Mill Falls Charter School in Manchester, NH—as a teacher for grades 4–6, team lead, and mentor—and previously worked as a Certified Instructor supporting K–5 students at Gossler Park School. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with family, friends, and my handsome tuxedo cat, James Bond. I also love to read, play games, dabble in anything art-related, listen (and dance) to music, and spend time on pool, beach, or lake adventures. I am a big New England sports fan, especially of the Red Sox, and try to catch games whenever possible, because I LOVE baseball! This year, I hope to travel to new places, try new hobbies, and spend more time fishing.



Mrs. Inman

When I am not in the classroom, there is usually no spare moment in my day, as I like to stay busy with various things. I love animals and have a degree in Zoology, which led me to an internship working with sea turtles. The ocean is my happy place and is a place I can go to for a little peace and quiet. My family is what keeps me centered and grounded. I have a 5-year-old son, Carter, and a daughter, Mackenzie, who turned 1 in April. and a three-legged dog named Adeline, whom we adopted from Mississippi. She is brilliant and sweet, and we have a lot of fun going on brand-new adventures. We spend as much time as we can together, going on family vacations, fishing, hiking, kayaking, or just swimming in the lake. My family continues to get bigger as I am an Auntie to two amazing nieces (Hazel and Paige) and two very handsome nephews (Charlie and Jack). I was born and raised in Massachusetts, so I am a loyal sports fan of the Boston Bruins, Celtics, and most importantly, the New England Patriots. Fall is my favorite time of year for that very same reason and, of course, because that is when school begins!



Mrs. Lawson

Hello! I am originally from a lovely little town in Vermont, but have lived in New Hampshire for the past ten years. I graduated with two degrees from Plymouth State University, and then started teaching here at HUES! I grew up surrounded by mountains, meadows, farms, and lakes. My family still lives in Vermont, so I go back often to see my parents, brothers, sister, best friend, and my niece and nephews. My hobbies include being active, reading, listening to music, and spending time with friends, but I have been giving new hobbies a chance! Lately, I've tried volleyball and reading new genres! I currently live in Merrimack with my husband, our daughter Amelia, who was born in April, and our two cats, Cleo and Krumpet!



Mrs. Stone

Hi! I live in Amherst, NH with my husband and two awesome kids, Ryan and Hannah, who keep life busy and fun with all their soccer, basketball, and track activities. We've also got a playful Aussiedoodle named Loki who terrifies our scaredy cat named Charlie who both keep things interesting at home. I graduated from the University of New Hampshire with both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and I've been lucky enough to spend my career teaching 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade here in Hollis NH—every day at HUES is an adventure filled with laughter! When I'm not teaching or cheering on my kids, I love being outside—whether it's kayaking, swimming, hiking, or hanging out at the lake or beach with family and friends. I'm a big reader (there's always a book on my nightstand!) and I'm always up for a great TV show or movie to unwind.



Mr. Rubin

I live in Bedford, NH, with my wife, Kellie, and our five kids. With one in college, two in high school, and twin first graders, there's always something going on in the Rubin household! Whether it's lacrosse, dance, or karate, our schedule stays full. As for me, I've been teaching at HUES since 2005—first in 4th grade and now in 5th. Teaching is something I truly love, and I always have fun doing it! I often refer to my classroom as Art Room South because I'm always creating something with my students — and occasionally borrowing materials from Mr. Pope to bring those ideas to life. Outside of school, I enjoy writing, hitting the gym early in the morning, and walking my dog, Tatum. I'm also an avid sports fan who supports all our hometown teams, especially the Celtics and Patriots.



We can't wait to meet you!