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Dear Fifth Graders and Parents,

We hope this letter finds you relaxing and enjoying the beginning of summer vacation. We are very excited to meet you and work with you during the next school year. Middle school life has much to offer, and we know you will feel right at home within the first few weeks.

In fifth grade you will spend most of your time in the fifth grade wing, however you will have a Unified Arts class everyday in a different part of the building. Unified Arts includes art, music, industrial arts, world language, and health science. Health science combines health, life sciences and physical education. We do have a fifteen minute recess in the morning, so you may want to bring a snack. If you are in band or chorus, you will have those classes during the school day. If you are not in band or chorus, you will have a study hall. It may seem a little confusing at first, but we will help you through it and soon you will have the routine down.

Below is a comprehensive list of supplies needed for fifth grade. We suggest that you put your name on your belongings.

\$2.00 (for the fifth grade take-home folder)

pencils (12-24)

colored pencils (used a lot)

markers

pencil pouch that zips

pencil sharpener

eraser caps

glue sticks

ruler

scissors

fine tip Sharpie

1 1 ½ inch (one and a half ) binder

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1 pkg. subject dividers

1 pkg. highlighters

1 pair of headphones (the smaller the better)

2 one subject spiral notebooks (blue, yellow)

4 pocket folders (red, blue, green, yellow)

It is helpful to have a dictionary, construction paper, poster board, and lots of extra pencils at home.

## Summer Reading

Summertime is for R&R (Relaxation and Reading). Read as much as you can and whatever you like. Love every minute of it! Read in your room; read at the beach. Read with a lamp or a flashlight at camp. Talk about the books you are reading! Ask your parents to read a book with you. We can't wait to talk about all the great books you've read!

## Summer Writing

Write letters, journals, stories, poems. Write with friends, start a summer newspaper, create your own postcards to send to family and friends. Bring your writing to school in September. We'd love to read what you wrote.

## Summer Math

Summertime is also a time to play with math and to brush up on some skills. Kids become secure with their math facts when they have many, many experiences with numbers. Play cribbage, Yahtzee, the "24" game, double or triple a recipe, skip – count in the car on the way to the beach, try to stump a partner with a math fact, divide a bag of cookies among your friends, figure out how many cups of juice are in a carton, or anything else you can think of that uses numbers. You could also play any of your favorite games from Fourth Grade Everyday Math. In addition, we have some great sites on our Fifth Grade webpage that will make it lots of fun. You can access this off the HMS website under any fifth grade teacher's name. Knowing all of your addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts will make it so your brain can focus on the new concepts we will be learning, and you can hit the ground running!

We hope you have a wonderful, restful summer. We are confident that you will have a successful and productive fifth grade year!

Sincerely,  
Fifth Grade Teachers