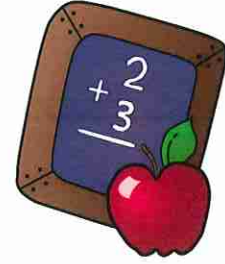


June 7, 2021

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..... and some students may need to share with another student.
- **Students do need: five (5) single subject notebooks, and one (1) three subject notebook (all spiral bound).** 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. It is ***not*** necessary to purchase additional folders.
- Please note that white-out 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. We hope you have a great summer!

Sincerely,
The Fifth Grade Team
Penguins



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Shopping List:

- 6 single-subject spiral notebooks
- pencils
- erasers
- hand held sharpener
- glue sticks
- colored pencils
- zip up pencil pouch
- scissors

Grade 3 Summer Math Facts

Mastery Of Multiplication Math Facts!!

This is optional but strongly encouraged 😊

In reviewing ALL of the skills necessary for a successful start to fifth grade---**ALL Fifth Grade Teachers** agree that Mastery of Multiplication Math Facts comes up as **NUMBER ONE!** It is a crucial foundation that is **needed** to learn SO many new 5th grade math skills! For this reason, we have found a way that you can help your child to become proficient in these facts before they return to school!

Here is what YOU can do:

1. Follow the protocol that we do. Work on **just one fact family at a time**, as opposed to the whole table at once. Have your child show mastery on each multiplication table before moving onto the next. They should get quicker and quicker at completing each lesson.
2. Here is a handy check-off list (links are active if viewing digitally) for you to use with IXL.com.
 - [Mastered the 2's!](#) (Grade 3 F3)
 - [the 5's!](#) (Grade 3 F6)
 - [the 10's!](#) (Grade 3 F11)
 - [the 3's!](#) (Grade 3 F4)
 - [the 4's!](#) (Grade 3 F5)
 - [the 6's!](#) (Grade 3 F7)
 - [the 7's!](#) (Grade 3 F8)
 - [the 8's!](#) (Grade 3 F9)
 - [the 9's!](#) (Grade 3 F8)
 - [the 11's!](#) (Grade 3 F12)
 - AND... [THE... 12's](#) (Grade 3 F13)**

We CANNOT Stress how IMPORTANT this knowledge is for your child's success in fifth grade, AND we CANNOT Thank You Enough for encouraging your child to achieve success with it over this summer!!!

**In addition, students are always encouraged to work on "Recommended Skills" on IXL.com. All students can access their IXL account with their Grade 4 log-in credentials throughout the Summer.*