

Welcome to fifth grade!

I hope you are all excited to join my class! I know I am looking forward to meeting you! Hopefully you are looking forward to having a fun and relaxing summer. I can't wait to hear what you have to share!



As you plan to return to school in September, here are some things that I would like to **suggest** for everyone to have. We will be working on organizational skills this year and these things will help you along. If possible, please bring the following on the first day of school:

- 2-3 packages of pencils and some additional erasers (**to be replenished throughout the year**)
- 1 package of colored pencils and 1 package of both thin and thick markers
- 2 colored pens for correcting
- 2 glue sticks
- A small pair of scissors (**optional**)
- Soft pencil case to keep your items together in your desk
- A plastic accordion folder OR 6 colored pocket folders of various colors (math, science, social studies, writing, world language, work in progress)
- Take home folder- This can be any color or style you wish!
- 4 notebooks (hard covered marble composition books fit best in desk, but any kind will do)
- 1 light colored highlighter
- Sticky notes (**to be replenished throughout the year**)

Community supplies for classroom use (**Optional**):

- Tissues, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer

In fifth grade, we will be doing a lot of writing about topics that mean a lot to you personally, and we will have literature circles. I **love** to read and hope that you do too! In math, we will learn about fractions, geometry, graphing, pre-algebra and more! In social studies, you will learn about the colonists and the American Revolution. In science, we study forces and motion, the human body, and earth science. At the end of the year, you will build and explode your own volcano! Of course, you will have a blast in world language, computer, art, physical education, and music classes as well.

We expect that you will arrive with great confidence in your basic math facts of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Please spend some time over the summer practicing and reviewing these skills. Try the site Gregtangmath.com for some great math games such as Kakooma and Espresso. You can also visit my class website (<http://www.merrimack.k12.nh.us/webpages/clandry/>) for more links to practice those math facts. Games are a great way to have fun and learn at the same time. Don't forget to **read, read, read** over the summer!

I am looking forward to meeting you at our "**Meet and Greet**," which will take place on **Thursday, September 1st from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** If you have any questions before then, I can be reached at coleen.landry@merrimack.k12.nh.us.

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