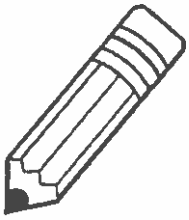
SUPPLIES FOR THE 5L CLASSROOM
2019-2020



2 – 1" Binders with Pockets
One will be used as your Spanish binder, and the other will be used at different points in the year for different units.

Some pens, pencils, and fine tip sharpies
In fifth grade, you will start doing more work in pen. You are allowed to do cross-outs so don't worry about getting erasable pen. Try to find pens that feel good when you write and colors that will be easy for others to read. One or two fine-tip black or blue sharpies will also come in handy for projects. And of course, pencils will be well used (grab some extra erasers if you know you go through a lot!).

Package of Colored Pencils
As we will be starting the year with an art unit, it would be helpful for everyone to have their own colored pencils. Try to find something you like. We will also have some in the classroom too that you may use if you can't purchase any.

Glue Stick
We use glue sticks often for projects, often going through our classroom supply fairly early in the year. It would be helpful for you to get your own.

A Pen/Pencil Pouch (optional)
It may be helpful to get a pouch to hold your writing materials so that you don't lose them.

Tissues
If you can, please bring a box of tissues - we go through so many each year, it's really helpful to have a supply as we start the year!

* Please contact me at school if you have any trouble getting any materials

Dear 5th grader, August 2019

Welcome to the 5L Classroom of Fifth Grade! I am so excited to have you in my room this year! This summer has been amazing and I have enjoyed spending time with my two sons, Avery and Carter, and my husband, Mr. LaCroix. I am however eager to start a new school year. I am looking forward to working with our new class, learning about you all as individuals and learners this year.

I know we are going to have a fantastic year ahead of us, and I hope you are as eager for the excitement and challenges as I am. I've taught 5th grade for most of my career and it's such an incredible year of growth and I'm so excited to be here with you as you continue to grow and change! This year there are three fifth grades and our class will be in room 321 - which is a new room for me! (It was Mr. LaCroix's room last year).

Fifth grade is a fun year! You will continue to learn more about yourself as a learner, about how the world works, and about how to get along with others in many situations. We'll do lots of projects, writing, math explorations, and field trips. Some of the activities will be done with just our class but we will also be scheduling activities with the other fifth grade classes this year too! This is great as we get you ready for middle school, but also great in case some of your friends are not in our class.

In fifth grade you will be asked to always put forth your best effort, be organized, and try new things. I will work to find ways to make learning challenging, meaningful and fun for everyone in the classroom. It is very important that everyone in our class is treated with respect and understands that everyone deserves to learn as much as possible. It is also important that everyone understands that learning is an adventure: It requires some risk taking and lots of perseverance (that means you're not willing to give up!) As we go through the year, we'll learn to support each other in all our work to make sure no one ever feels like they want to give up.

On **Thursday, August 22nd there is an open house and picnic from 4:30-6 pm.** (See attached flyer). I would love for you to come find me, introduce yourself and see the new room! Be sure to bring your parents along too as I'd love to say hello to them too! I can't wait to hear all about your summer!

On the back of this sheet is a list of the materials you'll need to get off to a great start for your fifth grade year on Monday, August 26th. Please email me if you have any trouble locating the items and we'll figure a way to find them for you. Again, I'm so excited to have you in my class and I can't wait to begin forming our new classroom community. See you in a few weeks!

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