



June, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians of Future Fourth and Fifth Graders!

It is our expectation that each student entering the Grades 4/5 Departmentalization Program will be prepared to work to his/her full potential. In order to reach this goal it is expected that each student maintain **good attendance**, arrive **on time** and **prepared** every day for each class. Homework and class assignments should be complete and up-to-date. It is necessary that we synergize to help our students maintain the high standards that are expected. Your encouragement and cooperation are necessary in order to achieve this.

In an effort to be proactive, each student is required to **read one (1) book (see list attached)** Please note that the 5th grade recommended anchor text is **Night of the Spadefoot Toads by Bill Harley** and 4th grade recommended anchor text is **The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich**. A fiction book review is attached for the 4th and 5th grade. Also, read the two (2) attached nonfiction articles – “Next Stop, Mars” and “Waves of Trash” and complete the attached activity sheet for each article. **Multiplication fact sheets** are attached for practice and reinforcement.

In preparation, we are asking that each student purchase the following supplies during the summer and bring them to school by Thursday, September 8, 2015. Having this list in advance will allow you to purchase supplies on sale and at your convenience. Let's think win-win!

SUPPLY LIST – SEPTEMBER 2016

Homeroom

- 1 rolls of paper towel
- 2 box of tissues
- 1 roll of scotch tape
- 1 package of baby wipes
- 2 packages of copy paper
- 1 package yellow copy paper
- Ziploc baggies 1 gallon size and 1 quart size
- 6 composition notebooks – Reading, Writing, Math, Science/Social Studies, Italian (no binders this year)
- 4 folders (red, green, blue, yellow)

Personal Supplies

- Pencil case or supply box
- 1 Package of markers and crayons
- 2 dozen pencils
- Glue stick
- Pens (assorted colors)
- Yellow highlighter
- Pencil sharpener
- Scissors

Cluster Teachers

- 3 folders (1 green for Italian)

***Please do not label notebooks or folders**

Reading/Writing

- 2 packages of yellow lined drafting paper
- 2 packages of index cards- 1 large 1 small
- 2 packages of post-its
- 2 packages of loose-leaf
- 1 rolls of Scotch-tape

Science/Social Studies

- 1 package of drawing paper
- 1 roll of paper towels

Math

- 1 large package of unlined index cards
- 1 small package of graph paper

Thank you! See you on Thursday, 9/8/16
Grade 4 and Grade 5
teachers