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Dear Parents:

Let us begin by saying how excited we are to soon be placed in charge of your fifth grade children. From our periodic discussions with the fourth grade teachers, it seems as if we have some really energetic and interested students waiting on the academic ladder. We not only are looking forward to meeting all of them, but we are also looking forward to meeting and working closely with you, so that together, we can maximize your children's learning and success.

In order for our plans to reach fruition, and for us to use our time more effectively with your children, we need your assistance over the summer. Please note the list of skills/expectations that we have for your child, and use this list as you work with your child over the summer. We want your child to be as ready as possible to handle the fifth grade curriculum, and if you take the time to work on the listed skills over the summer, then we know that your child will have a much greater chance of meeting with success next year.

Skills/Expectations Starting the Fifth Grade Year

- **Cursive**-make sure your child practices this during the summer
- Can write a **complete sentence** and recognize the subject (who) and predicate (did what) parts of the sentence
- Can recognize if a group of words is a sentence
- **Paragraphing**-students should be able to write a paragraph with a topic sentence and detail sentences relating to the topic-**indenting**
- Practice the basic facts of mathematics-**addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts**

- Make sure your child knows his/her multiplication facts at least to 10.
- Practice doing some **measuring**-use a ruler to make measurements of lengths and widths of objects in your home
- Gains some practice in common measurement, such as with cooking activities
- We suggest that if you can, purchase a copy of the Everything You Need To Know About Fifth Grade. It contains so many useful practice activities to use.
- This one is very important! **Please get all needed supplies this summer.** (**See back for supply list**) When students start the year without the needed supplies, they start with a disadvantage. Please do all you can to make sure your child is prepared.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team