

Dear Families,

It is a pleasure to share in the fifth grade education of your child. I strive to enhance the academic, emotional, and social growth of all the children in our classroom. Of course we will be doing lots of reading, math and writing. We will be reaching for the stars in Science and learning about the American Revolution in Social Studies. I believe in doing independent, partner and group work to enhance all learning opportunities. Fifth grade is a fantastic year to develop leadership skills.

Here are a few basic items of classroom business to share.

- School hours are from 9:00-3:35. Our School Improvement Wednesday school hours are 9:00-2:35.
- Library/Computer Time: We will have library/computer once a week. Your child is encouraged to check out, read and return books regularly.
- Snack Time: A healthy snack will bridge the gap between breakfast and lunch. Students will eat lunch at 12:30. Please bring a daily snack from home. Student performance is enhanced by healthful energy boost! Please try to avoid sugar-based food for snack. Educational research proves high protein foods enhance alertness. Please feel free to send a water bottle with your child.
- Birthday Parties: Birthdays are a special occasion worth celebrating with friends at school. We will also celebrate summer birthdays in June. Please let us know if you are interested as your child's special day approaches.
- Notes for alternative plans after school: It is essential that school be informed when your child goes home with a friend, grandparent, etc. We must have notification or your child will follow regular routine for after school care.
- Book Orders: Monthly book orders are offered as an optional way to build your child's personal library. Your child is expected to read every night as part of homework. Many families find discounted, publisher direct book purchasing an affordable alternative to bookstores.
- Communication: Weekly communication will be emailed this year. I will include school information and notes about upcoming activities.

Students will use a planner to keep them organized and to help bridge the transition to middle school.

- Parent Volunteers: Parent help in the classroom is very valuable for all of us. We appreciate your efforts and encourage you to volunteer. Please let us know if you can help. Please pick up a volunteer form to complete and return to the office. The district requires a background check which takes 2-3 weeks to complete. After the background check is complete, we will notify you so we can arrange a time for you to volunteer.

- Tom McCall has our Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 28 anytime between 2:45-3:30p.m. Please bring your school supplies. I look forward to meeting you.

Please feel free to call me at school whenever needed. The phone number is 526-6400 ext. 4725 or email:

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I look forward to a great year together.

Fondly,
Mrs. Cobb