

Dear Future Fifth Grade Student,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and welcome you to fifth grade!

In Mrs. Lunde's math class, you will learn place value from thousandths to millions, all four operations as related to whole numbers, decimals, and fractions (including the order of operations), the equivalence of fractions and decimals, strategies for calculating volume and area, classifying shapes for geometry preparation, and plotting/reading points on a coordinate plane. In each of our six modules, we will apply mathematics to solving problems in our daily lives. The most important thing to know for 5th grade math is your multiplication facts to 12. Start studying them today if you don't have them memorized!

In Mrs. Withrow's ELA class, you will be reading both fiction and nonfiction text. You will learn more about story elements, theme, cause and effect, sequence, how to understand what is inferred in text, and much more. Strong development in reading is essential to success in school. You will be keeping data folders to show your growth and will be challenged to read 40 books this year! We will also be learning how to effectively write all different types of essays, so get your pencils sharpened and ready to go!

In Mrs. McCain's science class you will be using the scientific method to explore and carry out various investigations. You will be learning all about matter, atoms, and motion. We will also be studying space and the planets! Finally, we will study genetics, adaptations, mutations and how our world has changed! It is going to be a great year in science!

In Mrs. Pope-Turner's social studies class, students will learn all about our great nation and how it all began! Students will first study geography and learn about the 50 states, regions, as well as review the seven continents and five oceans. Next, students will learn about the "Road to Revolution," and all of the events that lead up to the American Revolution. We will then study the battles and outcomes of this war, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Students will study civics and know how our three branches of government work

together creating a balance of power. Next, Students will learn about Westward Expansion, the Industrial Revolution and the Civil War. Students will become experts using primary and secondary sources to analyze and complete research projects.

We are looking forward to meeting you and spending an exciting year of learning together! Have a safe and happy summer!

Your Fifth Grade Teachers,

Mrs. Lunde, Mrs. Withrow, Mrs. Pope-Turner, and Mrs. McCain