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Welcome to 5th Grade!

Mrs. Johnson-Moore, Mrs. Green & Ms. McGarry

Welcome Back Parents and Students!

Welcome to Fifth Grade! We are excited to have your child in our class during the 2020-2021 school year. We look forward to providing him/her with an enriching and successful educational experience. We ask for your support in our commitment to making this possible. At this time, we have not received the final decision about whether students will report in-person or start the 2020-2021 school year virtually, but I hope that this letter will be helpful in preparing your child for school this fall. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation with the following:

- In order for your son/daughter to grow and thrive in reading, make sure he/she continues to read at least one book (or an article) each week during the rest of his/her summer break. This will help him/her continue to strengthen their developing skills in reading fluency and comprehension. Please consider downloading eBooks or audio books for your child to read or listen to, you can also turn the subtitles on the tv and have them practice reading that way. You may also choose to purchase books online or at brick and/or brick mortar stores near you: **Books & Stuff** located at 23 Maplewood Mall or **Big Blue Marble Bookstore** located at 551 Carpenter Ln, Philadelphia, PA 19119, just to name a few.
- Continue the use of Lexia and I-Ready for 30 minutes each day!
- Please check the School District of Philadelphia's website <https://www.philasd.org/> for details about the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Whether it will be in-person, virtually or a combination of the two, please purchase the necessary school supplies (see the list of supplies below). It is important that he/she will be prepared for school each day. Regardless of the learning model, all materials will be required.
- If classes resume virtually in the fall, please check to make sure that your child is turning in assignments online. If classes resume in-person in the fall, please check your child's homework. Homework will be assigned Monday through Friday. It is important for students to complete daily homework assignments as they provide students with an opportunity to review and practice skills covered in school each day.
- Please monitor your child's daily reading habits, as independent reading outside of school will be critical to strengthening his/her fluency and comprehension skills. He/She should read a book of his/her choice each day for at least 30 minutes.
- Please make sure your child has a library card from **Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library**, located on 68 W Cheltenham Ave or **Friends Free Library** at 5418 Germantown Ave.

Again, we look forward to working with you and your child during the 2020-2021 school year. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of our team members via e-mail at tdjohnson@philasd.org (Mrs. Johnson-Moore), megreen@philasd.org (Mrs. Green), and krmcgarry@philasd.org (Ms. McGarry).

Sincerely,
Mrs. Johnsons-Moore, Mrs. Green and Ms. McGarry

"Don't let
your
challenges
,
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Supply List

ELA

Three ring binder

Dividers for binder (to create sections: will need at least 4 dividers for each section)

5 packs of loose-leaf paper

2 Folders

Pencils

Highlighter

MATH

Three Ring binder

Dividers for binder (to create sections: will need at least 4 dividers for each section)

5 packs of loose-leaf paper

2 Folders

Pencils

Dry erase markers

Old sock or eraser for wipe off markers

SCIENCE

Three ring binder

Dividers for binder (to create sections: will need at least 4 dividers for each section)

5 packs of loose-leaf paper

2 Folders

Pencils

Markers

Crayons/Colored pencils

SOCIAL STUDIES

Three ring binder

Dividers for binder

2 packs of loose-leaf paper

1 Folder

Pencils

Homeroom Supplies (in person)

Lysol/cleaning spray

Gloves

Masks

Paper towels

Tissues

1 Folder (for school calendar and/or news that must go home to parents/guardians)

Pencil case for personal use

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to prepare
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