Dear Future 5th Graders and Families,

Welcome to Grade 5! We are looking forward to seeing you in our classrooms on August 31. 5th grade is organized into a dyad model. That means students have two main teachers: one for math/science and one for language arts/social studies. Students go back and forth between the two classrooms during the day and also go to specials.

5th graders start each day in homeroom. That's where you'll hang up your backpack and keep all your things. That's also where you will have two of your classes every day. In August, you will find out who your homeroom teacher is.

We use email to let families know what is going on at school. Email is the best way to communicate with us (see email addresses below). Look for information about summer work on the CPS website under Summer Resources or the Grade 5 page.

We expect rising 5th graders to **read regularly over the summer**. Set up a daily routine for yourself so reading is a natural part of your day. Think about participating in the Gleason Library's summer reading program. In the fall, we look forward to hearing about all the wonderful books you'll have read over the summer.

Here is a list of your <u>Summer Work</u>:

1. Reading: Read at least 1 book about Colonial America (fiction OR nonfiction) and

at least 3 other books of your own choice. **Record** what you read on the Summer Reading packet you receive on Move-Up Day from Ms. Gleason. There are many book suggestions in that packet.

- 2. Math: Spend 8+ hours in ALEKS, spread out over the course of the summer.
  - Details about this are explained in the letter from Mr. Naroff.
- **3. Send us a postcard**. Tell us about a time you used math, science, history, or geography over the summer. Address the postcard to:

5th Grade Teachers, Carlisle Public School 83 School St, Carlisle, MA 01741

We can't wait to get to know you and your family better in the fall! We look forward to an enjoyable and productive year. Until then, have a fun and restful summer.

Sincerely,

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## **School Supplies**

If you ordered your supplies through the Carlisle PTO this spring, they will be delivered to your homeroom in August. If not, please come to school on the 1st day with the following materials.

- 1 heavy duty 3-ring binder (white, 1" spine)
- 1 pkg pocket dividers (5 or 6 tabs in all)
- 1 2-pocket plastic folder (yellow, with prongs for attaching papers)
- 1 marble book (100 sheets)
- 4 doz. pencils (pre-sharpened if possible)
- 1 box colored pencils (12 count)
- 1 box washable markers (8 count)
- 2 4-packs of highlighters (2 each of blue, green, yellow, & pink)
- 2 packages of erasers (that go on top of pencil) (12 erasers/package)
- 2 rolls Scotch brand tape
- 1 pair of scissors (7" pointed tip)
- 16" plastic ruler
- 1 3-hole pencil case (to be put inside a binder)
- 1 box of tissues
- 2 rolls of paper towels