

August 19, 2018

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

I hope the summer has treated you all well and that you've had some good family time and adventures. I have been busy running a two baby day care program(my partner went back to work) and am loving being a new dad. The boys just turned five months and are in a real fun stage of their new lives- lots of smiles, baby talk, eye contact, and giggles. At the beginning of the summer I spent a week learning about the 5th grade curriculum with Matthew Bigongiari, and am excited to be sharing it with you and your children.

First off, please mark your calendars for a class potluck on Wednesday, Aug.29th from 5:30-7:00 pm at Tugman Park. Tugman Park is located in south Eugene off Hilyard St. between 36th and 38th. Please bring your own plates, utensils, and a dish or drink to share. Also, bring a blanket for you and your family to hunker down on.

Secondly, the school year will start off with lots of excitement and activity. Please mark your calendars with the following dates, so you are in the know of what will be going on:

- Wednesday, Sept 5th-first day of school
- Thursday, Sept 13th – First and VERY IMPORTANT parent info meeting. 5:30-7:00PM
- Thursday/Friday, Sept. 20th-21st --overnight trip to Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center (We will need 5 or 6 parent driver/chaperones) There will be much more information about this trip forthcoming, for now just wanted you to have the date and consider being a driver. The trip will be discussed in detail during our parent info meeting.

As far as student needs, here's a checklist:

(Students will need to have these supplies in school ideally by Friday, September 7th)

____A 3-ring (1 to 2 inch rings) notebook with divider tabs, ____at least 200 sheets of notebook paper (wide-ruled), ____ 3 spiral bound notebooks(wide-ruled), ____ a few pencils, pens and erasers, ____ a pencil sharpener, ____a small pencil box or pouch (desks are tight-small is better), ____ a protractor, ____ sturdy comfortable shoes for daily movement and PE (no flip-flops).

The Village School will be providing all the rest of your student's art supplies and classroom needs including a student planner for tracking homework assignments and upcoming dates. Also, I will be asking parents to purchase drawing bow-compass and a set of right triangles for geometric drawing, but not until after winter break.

Enjoy these last weeks before the shift of gears associated with the start-up of a new school year. I'm very excited to re-connect with each of you, and to begin work with the children again. I anticipate a great year of school-the 5th grade curriculum is amazing! Stay tuned as well for some class work parties that will be announced via email soon.

All the best,

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