

August 2021

Dear Fifth Graders,

Welcome to a new year, and your final year of elementary school! I imagine you are both excited and curious about what it will be like to be the “oldest” kids in the school. And, you may be wondering how 5th grade will get you ready for middle school, wow, that’s crazy! I’m confident you are up for any challenges and for all of the fun we’ll have this year. Since virtual learning, we have all tried so many new things, and that will make our time together more interesting. As I prepare our classrooms (**Room 513 and Google Classroom**) for things we will be studying throughout the year, get ready to talk about books, science, what’s happening in the world and lots of other things.

I wonder . . . What are your interests and favorite things to do both in and out of school? I wonder how your summer is going. Gather some thoughts and an item that is a memento of something you have enjoyed this summer. And, please bring this to share with the class to help us get to know each other during the first weeks of school.

Also, please bring in your **summer reading log or a list** of books/magazines, or other reading you did over the summer. We will be chatting about books, both digital and the old fashioned "hold in your hands" kind.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Remember to double check the supply list on the school website for supplies at portjeffschools.org. **Parents, please email me when you receive this letter in the mail to say hello. I would like to record the best email contact where you can be reached. My email is kcostanz@portjeffschools.org**

Warm regards,

Mrs. Costanzo