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# Welcome to 5TH GRADE

Dear 5th Graders,

I would like to welcome you all to your fifth and final year of elementary school! It is hard to believe that August is already here and we will all be soon together again! Some of you might also be wondering, "How did 5th Grade get here so quickly?"

To say that I am so excited to be your 5th Grade teacher is an understatement! I cannot wait to see all of you in our classroom this school year! As much as you will be learning about new stories, concepts, strategies and genres through me, I will get the chance to learn all about you and how your minds work! I am also looking forward to sharing with you stories about family members and friends!

Please bring in one **fiction** chapter book that you are currently, or would like to begin, reading. This will be your **independent book** for the first few week(s) of school.

If you haven't been practicing over the summer, please brush up on your multiplication/division facts! These facts will help you along throughout the Math lessons in 5th Grade. We will be getting a lot of practice throughout the next several months.

Whenever you get the opportunity, be sure to check out the supply list on the school's website. If purchasing any of these items is a problem, **please** let me know during the first week of school.

You may bring a snack to school each day. I'm a big fan of healthy snacks (fruits, pretzels, carrots, crackers, etc.). Please make sure your snack is **NUT FREE**. No candy please. You may also bring a water bottle/insulated tumbler. **Only water** will be permitted for drinking in the classroom in case of spills or leaks.

Also, please feel free to email me with any questions, or anything you would like me to know, at [rdixon@portjeffschools.org](mailto:rdixon@portjeffschools.org).

I look forward to an exciting school year with all of you! Your thoughts, personalities and talents will make our classroom a wonderful place to learn. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. See you all on Wednesday, September 2nd!!

Sincerely,

*Mr. Dixon*