

July 30, 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another fantastic year of learning and fun at Highland Park School! I am very pleased to have your child in my classroom this year. Fifth grade is an exciting and challenging year for students and while I am biased, I tend to think that it is the best year of all! I hope that summer is giving you and your family some great memories and some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

This will be my fourth year teaching fifth grade at Highland Park School. I graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2007 with my bachelor's degree and again in 2008 with my master's degree. When I'm not teaching, you can find me working in my garden, practicing yoga, enjoying a book with a good cup of tea, and spending time with my husband and our kitty, Waldo.

Fifth grade is a very busy year with lots of projects, field trips, celebrations and of course, homework! As we start the school year, I will focus heavily on teaching students my rules and expectations. We will be practicing different classroom procedures and building a strong classroom community. Students are expected to demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behavior so that everyone can learn and enjoy this year. When your child comes home from school, don't forget to ask about what they learned! Reinforcing rules and expectations in multiple settings will increase your child's success this year.

Have a wonderful rest of the summer. I am looking forward to meeting you and your child and working together to make this school year fantastic! Enclosed is a list of the supplies your child will need this year for your review. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 27. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer. !

Warm Wishes,

Kate Papsun

Fifth Grade Teacher

Highland Park School

## School Supplies

5 separate spiral bound notebooks in red, blue, green, yellow and purple

5 separate folders in red, blue, green, yellow and purple

One homework folder

Highlighters

Pencils

Red Pens

White board markers and eraser

Optional:

Markers, colored pencils or crayons

Glue Stick

Pencil Sharpener

Pencil Case