



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2019

Welcome to Fifth Grade! It is my pleasure to welcome you, as parents, to Seneca Academy's Fifth Grade class. Fifth grade is a chance for students to shine, be all they can be, and have the opportunity to experience growth as a responsible, motivated, mindful student. They will utilize their present skills as they work to become a more independent learner, ready to accept the challenges of middle school. This year will be filled with accomplishments, engaging challenges, spirited collaboration, and the potential for terrific learning adventures. I am thrilled to be their guide for these journeys. So how do they get a guaranteed ticket for these ventures of the mind?

- **Come to class each day prepared to learn (think Learner Profile and Attitudes).**
- **Understand class expectations.**
- **Ask questions-inquire!**
- **Be the best you can be.**
- **Work as a team member.**
- **Challenge yourself, be motivated, and aim high.**

Meet and Greet and the first day of school will be on Tuesday, August 27th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We will have a half day of school - with parents! Please park (there will be additional parking in the St. Nicholas Episcopal Church lot) and parents and students come to the classroom at 9:00 am. We will have a variety of parent and child activities through the morning and then will have a BYO bag lunch picnic together in the backyard. We will end right at noon. During this morning together, parents will receive information about carpool, classroom volunteer opportunities, Parent Association activities and volunteer opportunities, and other information important to your child's year here. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

The 5th Grade supply list is available on the website under the Elementary tab: Back to School 19-20. Please bring these supplies, unlabeled, to the Meet and Greet on **August 27th**. The first full day of school is **Wednesday, August 28th**. Students should bring a snack and lunch. We drink water for snack, which is available from our in-class water fountain, but we highly recommend a reusable water bottle. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch. In addition, students will need the following labeled with his or her name:

Backpack
(non-rolling preferred)

Lunch box

Art smock

Reusable water bottle
(recommended)

Required summer reading will be *Makoons* by Louise Erdrich. Please read this before the first day of school and place sticky notes in the book where you see evidence of culture, as we will start the year with discussion and activities connected to this book.

There will be a Summer Social for all elementary students and their families on **Thursday, August 15th** from 4:30-5:30 pm. I will not be there, but this is a great time to meet new friends and catch up with old ones! I hope each one of you has a wonderful summer filled with activities and opportunities to explore and enjoy the warm days ahead. See you in September!

Sincerely,
Paula Waldt