



Dear Parents,

Summer, 2026

Welcome to Grade 5 at Seneca Academy! We are excited to begin another year at Seneca Academy and look forward to having your child in class. We know this will be a year of learning, growth, friendship-building, and discovery. We cannot wait to get started!

Your child's teacher looks forward to meeting you at the optional Before-School Conference on **Monday, August 31**. During this time together, we will begin the process of cultivating a parent-teacher partnership. Your child's teacher will share information regarding your child's first day, carpool drop-off, and the upcoming school year that are important to know before our Back-to-School Night in September. In addition, this will be an important opportunity for parents to ask questions and share information about your child with your child's teacher (interests, goals, concerns, insights, etc.). Sign-ups for this optional conference will be sent out in August. Please note that the school calendar is available on the website.

Your child's first day of school is on **Tuesday, September 1**, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., with carpool drop-off starting at 8:15 a.m. During this meet-and-greet opportunity for students, we will have a variety of activities throughout the morning to acclimate your child to a new classroom community. Please send in a morning snack (such as a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, granola bar, or cheese stick) and lunch each day, as well as a reusable water bottle that may be refilled while at school. Please do not send sodas or candy for snack or lunch.

The first full day of school will be **Wednesday, September 2**, with carpool starting at 8:15 a.m. Dismissal is between 3:00 and 3:10 p.m.

Used uniforms will be available for sale on campus this summer on **Tuesday, July 21**, and **Saturday, July 25**. There will also be a summer social for all elementary students and their families on **Friday, August 28**, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. SAPA will be sending out more information about these events soon, so keep an eye out for in your inbox!

The fifth-grade supply list is available at www.senecaacademy.org/back-to-school. You may drop off these supplies in a bag with your child's name on it during the summer social, bring them to the before-school conference on August 31 if you choose to have one, or simply bring them with you to the first day of school.

For summer reading, we encourage your child to read as often as possible! A curated selection of suggested independent reading for fifth graders is available on the following page.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Suggested Reading

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Who Was Frederick Douglass? by April Jones Pierce

Who Was Harriet Tubman? by Yona Zelda McDonough

I Survived the Great Alaska Earthquake by Lauren Tarshis

I Survived the California Wildfires by Lauren Tarshis

I Survived the Japanese Tsunami by Lauren Tarshis