



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to 5th grade! This year we are going to have big adventures and become better learners... together! We are going to have fun exploring new concepts, sharing ideas, building creativity and strengthening friendships. I hope you are as excited as I am for the upcoming year. To let you know a little bit about me... I have four kids, five cats, six chickens, two dogs, about three dozen orchids, and probably two hundred houseplants. I love to read, sing and play the piano. I do oil paintings, drawings and murals. I enjoy "nerdy" things like Star Wars and Steampunk. I used to design and sew for a costuming company. My favorite vacations are camping and Disneyland. (Be sure you take a look at my Pluto collection in our classroom!) In college I specialized in ecology and history. I love seeing how everything is connected. If you walk past my house, you will immediately notice the crazy amount of plants in my yard. Helping things grow just makes me happy!!... and that includes my students. I can't wait to help them become even more amazing this year. I love learning and want to share that love with my students. I will challenge my class (and myself!) to try new and difficult things every day. This means we need to be willing to make mistakes, even if people are watching. We'll work on developing that kind of "growth mindset" together during the new school year.

As you prepare for school, here is a list of helpful supplies that you can choose to donate, if you are able. **Supplies that are NOT on this list, such as notebooks, folders, pencils, crayons, and scissors, etc. will be provided at school. Storage space is limited in our classroom, so students should not bring additional materials (pencil boxes, mini sharpeners, etc.) to school. If it's not on this list, please don't bring it.**

Donation items for **CLASSROOM** use to be **turned in** to Mrs. Buck (for sharing):

- 1-2 Pkgs. **Black** Dry Erase Markers (Expo brand, if possible)
- 1-2 Boxes Facial Tissues (Kleenex)
- 1 Pkg. Napkins **OR** 1 Pkg. Paper Cups
- 1 pkg. sticky notes **OR** 1 Box Band-Aids
- Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks or Dry Cereal to use as snacks

I am looking forward to meeting you and to building a great school year together. Thank you so much for your support of our class!

Mrs. Buck

*Items on this list will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought to school on a voluntary basis, otherwise, they will be furnished by the school.

