

June 14, 2011

Dear Incoming Fifth Graders, Parents, and Guardians,

We are excited to meet each of you in September. The fifth grade teachers hope that you have a fun and relaxing summer. We look forward to hearing about your adventures and getting to know you as the new Dawson Fifth Grade Class of 2012.

It is essential that fifth grade students are proficient in addition, subtraction, and multiplication tables through 12 at the beginning of the school year. Please practice these skills throughout the summer. An assessment will be given in September to determine mastery of these skills. Although neat cursive writing may be used in fifth grade, we do not require cursive writing. However, very neat printing is a must. Please practice your printing during the summer vacation so you can be ready for the first day of school. We encourage you to read your "just right books" during our school vacation. Bring in your favorite book for a book discussion during the first week of school.

We know that one of the things families do at the end of the summer is school shopping. There are some supplies we would like you to add to your list. One of the goals the fifth grade teachers have for you is to develop good organization skills. In order to do that, you will need the items listed on the attached pages.

Thank you very much!! Have a spectacular summer!!!

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers