## Dear Parents:

Welcome to a new school year! I am excited to be going back to fifth grade and beginning a new school year. It is important for us to become partners as your child's educational success depends on our combined efforts.

It is my job as your child's teacher to create an environment that your child feels at home in our classroom and feels comfortable to make mistakes, ask questions and succeed. I will help your child to establish organization and study skills to become a better prepared learner and student. It is our combined role to help your child learn to become an independent thinker, accept responsibility, and learn good study habits. These traits are essential for your child to move on to middle school and manage multiple teachers and assignments.

Children function best with organized routines and to help your child be successful this year, I would encourage you to set up a quiet area for homework completion with the supplies they need. Encourage children to attempt to do the work on their own. When they are having problems, attempt to assist them by helping them to reread and discuss the material without giving them the direct answer. It is important for you to help to assist them in establishing routines for homework and study time.

I would like your child to have a 1" 3-ring binder with inside pockets. I am planning to write the homework for the week. Your child will be required to write it in their planner on Mondays. On the inside pocket will be where homework comes home and returns to school. The back cover pocket will be where work comes home that does not need to return to school. Other items that I would like to add to the supply list are colored pencils, a pencil sharpener with a cover, dice for math games (Dollar Tree), and 1 pkg. of thin markers.

You may bring your child to the classroom on Tuesday, August 13 from 9:00 to 10:00 for a meet and greet to visit the classroom. You may also drop off the school supplies at this time. I look forward to working with your child and you during the upcoming school year.

Sincerely, Mrs. Arose