

August 2017

Dear Fantabulous 5<sup>th</sup> grader,

Hello! I am so excited to welcome you to your new classroom next week. This will be an amazing year of *learning and fun-filled adventures*. I promise!

This year you and your classmates will be the “big kids on the block” at Merion. With that comes a lot of *big expectations*. You are entering your last, and very important, year as an elementary school student. You will have more *privileges and responsibilities* meant to prepare you for middle school and beyond. And, I am certain that with *effort* you will manage those well and have a great year in 5Do!

Our first week together will be spent building a classroom community, developing classroom rules, and determining some of your social and academic goals for the year. I will be calling you mid-morning on Labor Day to introduce myself and to see if you have any questions about our year ahead.

See you on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>!

Excitedly,  
Mrs. Doran

P.S. Parents, please send an email with your name and your child’s name to [dorand@lmsd.org](mailto:dorand@lmsd.org) for distribution list purposes.

## **\*\*Suggested Supply List for Mrs. Doran (5D)\*\***

- ✓ **Composition book** (writer's notebook)
- ✓ One single-subject spiral notebook (social studies)
- ✓ one **2" white binder** (PLEASE no trapper keepers, zippers, or Velcro binders)
- ✓ one **1 1/2" binder** (any COLOR besides white or red, but again, please no trapper keepers, etc.)

\*\*I would recommend a durable brand (suggestion: Staples' *Better* brand seems to hold up well!)

- ✓ two **soft pencil cases w/ holes** (to keep in each binder)
- ✓ pencils (at least 8)
- ✓ at least **8 erasable pens** (blue or black—friction pens recommended)
- ✓ one pack of **colored pens** (must contain one red pen)
- ✓ one pack of **3x3 post-its**
- ✓ one set of **ear buds** OR **headphones**
- ✓ one pack of **looseleaf**
- ✓ one pack of **graph paper** (one centimeter) for math
- ✓ one pack of **colored pencils** (at least 24-pack, please)
- ✓ **Art supplies:** scissors, glue sticks

**Note:** I will provide a math binder, folders, dividers, highlighters, erasers, reinforcements, calculators, and rulers.

**Classroom donations are greatly appreciated!**

\*1-2 box(es) of tissues

**Homework assignment books will be provided in school.**

Introducing... YOUR Child

I'd like to know more about your child, through your eyes. The more I know, the better I can design an educational and motivational program to fit his or her particular needs.

Please answer the questions and complete the information below. Remember, this is from *your* point of view. Please send it in with your child as soon as it's completed. **PLEASE RETURN BY 9/17/15.**

Thank you!

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

- List five (5) words that best describe your child's *character* (competitive, cheerful, perfectionist):

- What *motivates* your child?

- What *upsets* your child?

- What are your child's out-of-school *interests* and *activities*?

- What activities do you *share*? What problems/successes do you have working/playing together?

- What *study skills* does your child need to develop? (neatness, timeliness, organization, etc.)

- Which academic subjects are your child's best? Weakest?

- What particular academic areas would you like to see emphasized?

- What *social skills* would you like to see developed?

- Are there any *personal* or *physical problems* I should know (or conference privately) about?

- Other comments or concerns?

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_