

August 2024

Dear Fifth Graders,

Welcome to a new year, and your final year of elementary school! I imagine you are both excited and curious about what it will be like to be the “oldest” kids in the school. And, you may be wondering, “How will 5th grade get you ready for middle school?” Wow, middle school? That’s crazy!

I'm confident you are up for any challenges and for all of the fun we'll have this year. As I prepare our classrooms (***Room 513 and Google Classroom***) for things we will be studying throughout the year, get ready to talk about books, science, what’s happening in the world and lots of other things.

I wonder . . . What are your interests and favorite things to do both in and out of school? I wonder how your summer is going. Gather some thoughts and an item that is a **memento** of something you have enjoyed this summer. We will have a fun “Show and Tell” to find out more about each other.

Finally, be prepared to talk about any books you’ve read this summer. We will be sharing some favorites during the first weeks of school. You might be amazed to learn that last year’s 5th graders read a total of over 1,024 books ***throughout the school year!***

I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Remember to double check the supply list on the school website for supplies at portjeffschools.org. ***Parents, please email me when you receive this letter to say hello. I would like to record the best email contact where you can be reached. My email is kcostanz@portjeffschools.org***

Warm regards,

Mrs. Costanzo