

Hey Fifth Graders!

I hope your summer is going fantastic! Hopefully, you've developed great tactics to avoid the mosquitos! Haven't *they* been fun? (Itch, itch, scratch, scratch)

I've been to Arkansas and back, climbed Great Sleeping Bear Sand Dune, and am happy to announce a new member of our family: Weston Timothy Peisert was born July 17th! It's been a busy summer for us!

As a class this year, we'll be doing lots of exploring: from journeying with Lewis and Clark to voyaging into space! Have you looked into the latest with Perseverance and Ingenuity? (Classmates from last year may remember following the Mars expedition.)

Our expedition this year will begin with a School Open House on August 17 (watch for times to be announced), followed by a prep day for you, then our first day of school will be Thursday, August 19th!

Please get with your adults at home to read through school information that accompanies this letter, and remind them that we will use Class DoJo, email, and phone calls to keep lines of communication open. (Your families and I LOVE to follow your adventures together!) Also, with the ever-changing Covid protocols, check out the Morrice Area Schools district web page.

On page two of this letter is a list of things that will be helpful at school. Don't stretch your budget—we can find more tools if we need to, some things will be used more than others, obviously.

I'm excited to learn and work with you and your families this year! Welcome back old friends, and we are eager to complete our classroom community with new friends!

Tools you may want to have for the road ahead:

A calculator (TI 30xa recommended)

Folders: Red, Blue, Green, Purple, yellow, black and orange
(if you find them)

A directional compass (if you can obtain one easily)

Index cards

Post-it notes or sticky notes

Pencils, erasable pens, pencil sharpener

Colored pencils

Glue sticks, tape

At least 3 spiral notebooks

Dry erase boards and markers

Protractor

Other fun things we'd like to have: highlighters, headphones, craft supplies (like paint, paint brushes, craft foam (peel and stick or glue-on), pipe cleaners, wikki sticks or monkey string, glue dots), zip lock bags from sandwich sized to gallon size.

It's going to be a great school year! Enjoy the rest of your summer—I can't wait to hear about all of your adventures!

Your Teacher and Guide,

Mrs. Peisert