

Dear Families,

**Welcome to Fifth Grade!** Our fifth graders will be departmentalizing. Therefore, your child will have two different teachers; one teacher will teach ELA/SS and the other teacher will teach Math, Science.

Hi! My name is **Mary Block** and I will be your child's ELA/SS teacher as well as your child's homeroom teacher this year. I have a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Education and have 34 years of teaching experience. I am excited about the opportunity to get to know you as we venture on to the last year in elementary school. My goal is to help your child feel confident and be successful this year and in the years to come. We will spend time reading a variety of materials and try to develop a greater love of reading. It is my belief that positive interaction between teachers and parents strengthens the feeling of support all children need for this success in school. On a personal note, I have three children - Maryssa, Victoria and Zachary. Maryssa graduated from FSU and is a teacher in Tallahassee, Victoria graduated from UF and is an aerospace engineer working for Northrup Grumman in California. Zachary graduated from Tulane University and is working as a teacher/football coach in North Carolina. I enjoy reading, cooking, shopping (Amazon), going to the beach, and to Disney World... Magic Kingdom is my favorite park. If you would like to get in touch with me before school begins, I'd love to hear from you. My email address is [mary.block@ocps.net](mailto:mary.block@ocps.net) and I'm in room 235.

Once again, welcome to Fifth Grade; let's work together to make this the BEST year ever!!! For your convenience, a copy of the fifth grade supply list is on the back of this letter, and we have added a few additional items at the bottom just for *our* class members. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we hope to see you at **Meet the Teacher** 😊

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Block*

# Fifth Grade

## SUPPLY LIST

**Note:** Your child's teacher may request *additional* supplies (see teacher letter)

- **\*3-4** Reams of Copy Paper\*
- **2** - Composition Books
- #2 Pencils (at *least* a 24 pack)
- **\*1** Package of Cap Erasers\*
- **\*2-3** Four Packs Expo Markers (used with the dry erase boards)\*
- Colored Pencils or Colored Pencils with the eraser on the end
- Scissors (not children's)
- **\*Glue Sticks** (12 glue sticks-preferably *Elmer's* brand)\*
- Zipper pencil pouch w/ holes- to fit inside of the binder (NO boxes)
- **2** - One Inch Binders
- **3** - Three-Prong Folder with Pockets - Purple, Red, Blue
- Personal, labeled, refillable water bottle
- Earphones or Earbuds (NO Bluetooth and please try to avoid the ones from Dollar Stores)

Earphone Suggestion:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B078S4134R/ref=ppx\\_yo\\_dt\\_b\\_asin\\_title\\_o00\\_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B078S4134R/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

Earbud Suggestion:

[https://www.amazon.com/s?k=quality+earbuds&i=electronics&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=quality+earbuds&i=electronics&ref=nb_sb_noss_1)

- **\*1** Box of Tissues\*
- **\*Liquid Soap\***
- **\*Clorox Wipes\***
- **\*Paper Towels\***
- **\*Ziploc Bags\*** - All sizes.
- **Highly Recommended** - since all students will have a laptop for classroom use, you can purchase a mouse for better computer control (NO wireless)

**Note:** The \* next to items listed above are the items that we run out of quickly or need more of during the school year. So, IF families want to contribute more to the classroom wish list, these are the items to pick up during your school supply purchases. Your classroom support is greatly appreciated. ☺

**Thank you for your support!**