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Dear Parents and Students,

It's almost time to begin an exciting new school year! Although we still have several weeks of summer to enjoy, I imagine many of you are already thinking about seeing friends again, settling back into a routine, and getting ready for new learning adventures.

This isn't just another school year—it's a chance to be part of history! As our nation celebrates its **250th anniversary**, we'll explore the people, events, and ideas that helped shape the United States while building the knowledge, skills, and character that will help shape your own future. It's the perfect year to be learning about our country's past while preparing for your future!



Before we know it, **August 24** will be here, and we'll be kicking off another fantastic year together! Along with reading, writing, and mathematics, we'll dive into STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and discover how curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving can make learning both challenging and fun. Together, we'll grow academically, socially, and emotionally as we take on new challenges, celebrate successes, and make memories that will last long after this school year ends. I can't wait to see all that we accomplish together!



To help your student get off to a great start, here are a few suggested items to bring for the upcoming school year:

- PE shoes (indoor and outdoor)
- Deodorant (for use after PE)
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Lunch box

Once again, our classroom will be arranged with tables, so storage space will be limited. Please bring only the items listed above. The school provides everything else students need for learning. Fifth- and sixth-grade students will also have lockers in the hallway and the locker room, providing additional space for their personal belongings.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email if you have any questions or concerns. My goal is to partner with you so that every student feels supported, challenged, and successful throughout the year. I truly believe this is going to be an incredible year, and I'm excited to see everything we can accomplish together.

Until then, keep enjoying every minute of summer! Make wonderful memories, spend time with family and friends, read a great book, explore something new, and come back refreshed, energized, and ready to learn. I look forward to hearing all about your summer adventures and celebrating a fantastic year together.

See you on August 24!

Warmly,

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