

Dear 5th Grader and Family,

You have made it to the oldest grade at Lower Campus! Gary and I are so excited to have you in our classes next year. We have lots of incredible things planned – special events, plays, games, songs, stories, and fascinating things to make and do in the classroom. Perhaps best of all we go on outdoor adventures! At the beginning of the year, we hike to the top of a mountain to peer out across the breathtaking Sierra Nevada landscape. Later in the year, we go snowshoeing, visit a bird refuge, and study our own beautiful forest here at NCSA. Finally, the 5th Grade goes on a three day trip to Donner Summit where we stay at a magical old ski lodge, go on adventures, rock climb, and about the top of the Yuba River watershed!

So, welcome to an incredible year! I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you further. Now that school is only a few weeks away, you will need to know about a few things that will help you be prepared for the school year.

1. Summer Books

Reading is the magic doorway into other worlds. If you have not already, please check out our local library's Summer Reading Program Blastoff for Reading and start diving into another unexplored world!

Blastoff for Reading -

<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2798/Summer-Learning-at-the-Library-2019>

2. Music

In 5th Grade, we will be getting out instruments a lot. Twice a week, you will be attending Music Electives where you will learn and we will support each of our plays with live music. There will be chances to play in class as well. So, if you've been playing music already this summer, go pick up something and make some music!

3. Go on an Adventure!

There's still time to take a hike, explore the woods behind your house, swim in the Yuba river, look at the stars, ride a bike, or go fishing at a lake. Find those things, places, and activities you love and bring them with you to share with the class. I want to know what it is that makes you glad to be outside.

4. Supplies and Class List

Please go over the supplies list and gather what you need to be ready to learn on the first day of school. Also, if you would like to look over who will be joining our educational journey, I encourage you to reach out and get to know your future classmates when the class list is officially shared.

By following these suggestions of reading, playing music, and adventuring in the outdoors, you will be getting yourself ready for the many things in 5th Grade. To be noted, sometime during the first week of school, both 5th Grade classes to get together and have a picnic on the lawn. When the first week of school nears, we will give more details on the picnic. In the meantime, I want you to use your remaining weeks to the fullest by having as much fun as you can and try something new. See you on **August 28th!**

Sincerely,
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