



Stagecoach Elementary
205 Dare Road, Selden NY 11784
From the Desk of Mr. DeTore Room D4



Welcome to our fifth grade class! I am very excited about the upcoming year and look forward to getting to know both you and your child. My goal for each and every student is to have them develop to their fullest potential in an interesting and stimulating learning environment. In working towards this goal, I feel that parent-teacher communication is vital. I plan on implementing this through telephone calls, notes/letters home, a weekly schedule of our class objectives, and conferences. I truly believe in a close home and school relationship.

You might be nervous about all those “tests”. Don’t worry, I will do my best to provide you and your child with the strategies and skills needed in order to be prepared. We will also be studying many fun and interesting topics this year. We will be incorporating various activities and projects to go along with the different units of study we will be exploring. The students will be working on becoming more independent learners to help develop the independence needed for middle school.

In order to get to know more about your child, it would be a great help if you could jot down some information about your child and send it to school once the year begins. You may want to indicate your child’s interests, favorite books, favorite subjects, special talents, **ALLERGIES**, academic strengths and/or weaknesses, and any other information that you feel may be relevant.

In order to facilitate a comfortable and successful year, it is important for your child be prepared daily with the following supplies:

****PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME!!!****

- ☐ 7 marble notebooks
- ☐ Pencils (the simple wooden pencils are best for sharpening!!!)
- ☐ 1 ruler (with both inches and centimeters)
- ☐ 1 pair of scissors
- ☐ 1 box of colored pencils
- ☐ 1 box of markers
- ☐ 1 box of crayons
- ☐ 1 Black Sharpie
- ☐ 3 large glue sticks
- ☐ 8 pocket folders (try not to buy ones that will fall apart easily)
- ☐ 1 supply box (no larger than 8 inches x 5 inches)
- ☐ 3 highlighters
- ☐ Post-Its
- ☐ 1 pack of 3’x 5’ index cards
- ☐ 1 pair of headphones

****Please label everything with your child’s name and remember that your supplies are your “tools” as a student! Without them, you cannot do your best work. Please have all of your supplies in school no later than the second week of school!****

SOME OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Absence notes must accompany your child upon his/her return to school with the reason for absence clearly stated.

A snack time will be reserved each day of school. Please send in a nutritious snack and drink daily. Students are allowed to have water on their desks throughout the day.

If your child will be buying lunch or a lunchtime snack, I suggest that all money be put in an envelope, Ziploc bag, or wallet labeled with your child's name and room number. Stagecoach also has a prepaid lunch service available. Information will be sent home explaining how the program works.

When inclement weather is predicted, please be sure to pack a quiet recess activity for your child to play with during indoor recess.

Your child will be getting homework daily, Monday through Thursday. Please be sure to **check** and **sign** each night's homework assignment.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year for all of us. Thank you in advance for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mr. DeTore