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Dear Fifth Grader and Families,

We want to welcome you to fifth grade at New Boston Central School! A child's fifth grade year is an exciting transitional year in which students experience tremendous growth and work towards becoming more independent learners. Students will have many opportunities to work in teams, gain organizational skills, and create good study habits. We will work on developing individual goals together and focus on maximizing shared learning experiences.

In fifth grade, we will be busy learning through hands-on activities, discovery lessons, and performance-based tasks. We will complete a cross-curricular national parks research project. Students will choose a national park and create a project showcasing their work. Projects will be celebrated with a school-wide National Parks Expo. Students will also learn about the core principles of American government and the foundations of American democracy through the study of the American Revolution and the original thirteen colonies. Throughout the year, we will explore interesting science topics through hands-on experiments and STEM activities, bringing creativity and science to life!

Having a "good fit" book at all times is a must, and reading 20-30 minutes a day is an excellent way to keep up your reading skills. In fifth grade, students will participate in the 40 Book Challenge. The purpose of this reading challenge is to help expand reading horizons by reading books from various genres students wouldn't typically choose. We also encourage students to participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Whipple Free Library. We are so excited to dive into some new math concepts and hope that our incoming students will have mastered those multiplication facts! You got this!

We look forward to all the adventures in the upcoming school year. We are very excited to be your teachers and can't wait to meet you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gallagher

SUPPLY LIST

With the anticipation of the next school year, below is a list of supplies to ensure a successful beginning to your fifth grade year.

- ❑ 12 pencils and eraser tops
- ❑ (2) two subject spiral notebooks
- ❑ Enclosed handheld pencil sharpener
- ❑ 12-inch ruler
- ❑ Pencil box or pouch
- ❑ Dry-erase markers
- ❑ Glue sticks
- ❑ Colored pen for correcting work
- ❑ A sturdy homework/notices folder
- ❑ Colored pencils (12 pack)
- ❑ Fine tip washable markers
- ❑ A positive attitude!

