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Dear Incoming Fifth Graders and Parents,

You are enjoying the last few weeks of fourth grade and are preparing for entry into fifth grade. Fifth grade is an important transition year that will prepare you for the rigors of junior high.

This summer you will be required to read and to keep a list of all the books that you have read. During the first week of school, a book report will be one of the first homework assignments. The required report form will be given out the first day of school. Do not do the book report ahead of time, please. You will also turn in your summer reading list. Both the **reading list** and the **book report** are due by the end of our first week of school, **Friday, August 27**.

Additionally, as part of the fifth grade Social Studies curriculum, the fifth grade students go to Philadelphia for a fun-filled week full of learning and adventure. This opportunity will allow you to visit the places and meet some people from your fifth grade Social Studies textbook.

To better prepare for the intensive learning that will take place next year, each student is required to do a report on an important historical figure, historical site, or an event in early American history.

Students have randomly chosen a topic from a basket. The report should be at least two *hand-written* pages (top-to-bottom). You must include a portrait or picture on the third page of the report. You must print or write it neatly on lined paper. No computer printing is to be used! Any "copy and paste" projects will receive zero credit. The report should include all the important historical information about your selected topic.

The "American History Biography Project" will be due on **Friday, August 27**. In fifth grade, *no late work is accepted for full credit.*

Enjoy your summer of reading, exploring, and learning!

Mrs. Bonnie Nager