



August 2022

Dear Fifth Grader,

I hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. My summer has been wonderful! I spent time with my family and friends, read many books and relaxed on the beach. I have also been at Main Street School preparing for the coming school year. While we still have many more days left of summer, I am very excited for school to begin, so that I can see you and hear all about your summer adventures!

The first day of school is on Tuesday, September 6. I am looking forward to the many opportunities that we will have to continue to get to know one another. I plan to spend time in your classroom with you and your teacher, continuing to learn what is important to you and what you like about school and learning. As a fifth grader at Main Street School you have the new responsibility of welcoming our fourth graders and helping them to feel happy and comfortable in their new school. As fifth graders you are their role models, you are now the leaders of the school. I need your assistance in showing the fourth graders how, at MSS, we are a school community that works together, is kind and respectful, and cares about one another. I know you will do an excellent job of demonstrating a positive example for our new fourth graders and helping them to feel welcome.

As you prepare for this new school year, there are four important things I would like you to try to do:

- ✓ Plan to make at least one new friend this year.
- ✓ Consider how you like to be treated and make sure that you treat others this way.
- ✓ Keep an open mind and heart when it comes to learning.
- ✓ Think about what you know about and what you would like to learn more about.

In fifth grade, you will have many wonderful experiences as readers, writers, mathematicians, scientists and historians. You will also continue to engage in discussions about what it means to be a member of a community.

It is my hope that you have spent time this summer writing in your Summer Writing Journal. The information letter and your journal were sent home with you in June. If you misplaced the journal, please ask your parent/guardian to check the website for the link to access it. Please make sure to write your name on your journal and bring it to school on the first day. Your teachers and I are looking forward to learning more about you through your writing.

Turn Over 

While you will develop a reading community in your classroom, we will continue to have a school wide reading community. You will have the opportunity to share the books that you read and get recommendations for books to read next. In addition, once you have read a book, you will be able to rate a book and view ratings from other students. To get our reading recommendation wall started, you have an assignment for the first day of school. Think back on the books that you read this summer and choose the one that you just could not put down. Enclosed in this envelope is a recommendation slip for you to complete about the book you read; I have also included a model for you based on one of my favorite summer reads. Please bring the completed slip of paper AND the book, if possible, on the first day of school and we will launch our Main Street School reading community!

Everyone at Main Street School is looking forward to welcoming you back. I know that it is going to be a great year! I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 6.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Chapnick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joyce" and last name "Chapnick" clearly distinguishable.

Ms. Chapnick ☺  
Principal