



August, 2009

Dear Student,

I am **Mrs. Allen**, your fifth grade teacher for the 2009 - 2010 school year. I would personally like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our fifth grade classroom at Liberty Lake Elementary School. I'm excited about next year, and about having **YOU** in my classroom.

Fifth grade is a year of transitions. Your ability to learn organization and responsibility for your work will be stressed almost daily. We will be writing in a daily planner so that you are successful at completing assignments and getting your work turned in on time. Reading Counts will again be a part of your effort grade and learning. I know that the more you read the better reader, speller and writer you will become! Read whatever holds your interest. When school starts you will have the opportunity to share the chapter books you've read over the summer. During the school year, we will be doing book reports, studying new math concepts that will depend on knowing the multiplication facts rapidly and accurately, and we will have a Reading/Social Studies/Science curriculum to explore. As you can see, we will have a busy year! Remember, for the rest of the summer, continue to read chapter books, practice your multiplication facts, and also practice your cursive writing.

Your summer vacation is just about over, but I bet you had a fantastic time with your friends and family. Be sure and store your memories carefully so we can hear about your summer experiences when school reopens. I can hardly wait to tell you about my summer.

The supply list has changed for fifth grade this year. Be sure you have a copy of it.

I look forward to meeting you and your classmates in September. Bring your enthusiasm, interests, and love of learning when you come to class. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Karen S. Allen