

August, 2009

Dear Student,

I am Mr. Berard, your 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. I would like to personally welcome you to “our” fifth-grade class.

Fifth grade is a year of transitions. Your ability to learn organizational skills and be responsible 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 be again a big part of your learning. My goal as your teacher is to motivate you to read more this year than ever before. New math concepts will depend on you knowing the multiplication facts rapidly and accurately. I have to warn you, I expect my fifth graders to know their multiplication tables (1-9) by heart. If needed, you will want to review your facts with flash cards so you do well on your first timed math tests. In Social Studies we will explore the regions of the United States, our government, and the Constitution. One thing you will learn about me is that I love learning new things, whether it is flying my ultra light aircraft, working on a computer, or reading a new book. For me, learning is an exciting adventure...an adventure I look forward to sharing with you this year!

I invite you to visit my web-page to learn more about me and the topics we will be studying. Go to our school website <http://www.cvsd.org/libertylake/> and then go to fifth grade and then Mr. Berard’s class. Enjoy your summer! I look forward to getting to know you and being a part of your final year at Liberty Lake Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Mr. Berard