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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year at EPCS! I am excited to partner with you and your child as we begin an important year of growth, learning, and new opportunities. Fifth grade is a special time. It is the final year of elementary school and an opportunity for students to develop the independence, responsibility, and confidence they will need as they prepare for middle school.

Our classroom theme this year is **"Together, We Can Move Mountains."** I firmly believe that when students, families, and teachers work together, there is no challenge too great to overcome. Throughout the year, we will focus not only on academic growth but also on character, perseverance, responsibility, and teamwork.

Here is what you can expect this year:

- **High Expectations and Support:** Students will be encouraged to challenge themselves, take ownership of their learning, and develop strong study habits. I will provide students with the support they need to be successful while also expecting them to take responsibility for their learning and give their best effort each day.
- **Open Communication:** I value your partnership and believe communication is key to student success. Please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or insights about your child. I will also share class updates, student progress, daily behavior, and important announcements through Class Dojo.
- **Engaging Curriculum:** From exploring meaningful literature to studying history and strengthening writing skills, students will engage in lessons designed to be challenging, creative, and relevant.
- **Classroom Community:** Together, we will create a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment where every student feels valued. Students will be expected to make responsible choices, treat others with kindness and respect, and understand that their actions have both positive and negative consequences. Accountability is an important part of learning and growing.

I am truly looking forward to getting to know your child this year. Thank you for trusting me with such an important role in your child's education. With your support and encouragement, I know this year will be filled with growth, success, and memorable experiences.

Let's move mountains together!

Sincerely,
Ms. Kim
5th Grade ELA & Social Studies Teacher

5th Grade Classroom Supply List: 2026–2027 School Year

Please label all supplies with your child's name and send them to school on the first day.

Required Supplies:

Organization & Notebooks

- 1 pack of loose-leaf paper
- 3 **plastic** two-pocket folders (paper folders do not last all year)
 - 1 for Math/Science
 - 1 for ELA/Social Studies
 - 1 for Specials
- 4 composition notebooks
 - Health
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Social Studies
- 2 single-subject notebooks
 - Math
 - Science

Writing Supplies

- 1 box of sharpened pencils
- 1 pack of erasers (wedge erasers or pencil-top erasers)
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of liquid glue
- 1 fine-tip Sharpie (any color)
- 1 pack of 3" x 5" lined index cards
- 2 packs of Post-it Notes

Technology

2 pairs of headphones or earbuds with a plug (no Bluetooth)

- One pair will be used in the other 5th grade classroom.
- One pair will remain in the homeroom classroom.

Classroom Cleaning Supplies

- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 can of Lysol disinfectant spray
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes

Optional Individual Supplies: *(We have classroom sets of these items, but some students prefer to have their own.)*

- Tote bag (for carrying books between classes)
- Pencil pouch or pencil case
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Child-safe scissors
- Highlighter
- Whiteboard markers and eraser

Optional but Appreciated Classroom Donations

- 1 box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 1 box of sandwich-size Ziploc bags
- Silent fidgets
- Small toys or prizes for our classroom store
- Boxes of tissues

Thank you for helping your child come prepared for a successful school year!