

Welcome to Fifth Grade

Dear Fifth Grader and Family,

We want to welcome you to **fifth grade** at **New Boston Central School**! A child's fifth grade year is a wonderful transitional year in which students experience growth and work towards becoming independent learners. Students will have many opportunities to work in teams, gain organizational skills, and create good study habits. We will work on developing individual goals together and focus on maximizing shared learning experiences. In fifth grade, students will complete a cross-curricular national parks research project. Students will choose a national park and create a project showcasing their park. Projects will be celebrated with a school-wide National Parks Expo. Students will also learn about the American Revolution, culminating with a field trip to historic Boston. We will visit the Boston Tea Party Museum and walk the historic Freedom Trail. Throughout the year we will be exploring interesting science topics through hands-on experiments and STEM activities bringing creativity and science to life!

With the anticipation of the next school year, below is a list of supplies to ensure a successful beginning to your fifth grade year.

- Pencils and erasers
- A sturdy homework/notices folder to last all year
- Colored pencils (12 pack)
- Crayons (small box)
- A one inch binder
- Lined filler paper for binder (3 hole punched)
- A positive attitude!

In fifth grade, we challenge you to read **40 books** throughout the school year! You can mix things up by choosing reading material that is fun and tailored to your interest. Reading just 20-30 minutes a day is a good way to keep up your reading skills. We encourage you to complete the **Summer Reading Selfie Challenge**! These cards will be shared with the class upon our return to school, and will count toward our **40 Book Challenge**.

As a team, we look forward to all the adventures that lie ahead in the upcoming school year. I am very excited to be your teacher and I can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Flanagan
NBCS Fifth Grade Team