

Dear Families,

August 9, 2019

Welcome back to school!!!! I'm looking forward to getting to know your children, hearing all about their summer adventures, and having a fun 2019/2020 school year! This summer I spent time catching up with friends and spending time with my wife and kids traveling to New Hampshire, Fire Island, NY, North Hero, VT, and camping trips on Cape Cod. In addition, I worked hard on planning with my grade level colleagues to create fun activities for the upcoming year.

I look forward to a great school year! My technical experience before I was a teacher, combined with my years of teaching should make for a fun, energetic, and innovative learning experience for your child. I pride myself on using technology to increase student engagement and will use it as a teaching and learning tool. Students will engage in fun technology projects to enhance their academic and social growth that will prepare them for the technical and academic rigors of middle school and beyond.

Be in Touch!

As in past years, I am incorporating a classroom Google Doc for students and parents to use. This Google Doc will be used by parents to track classroom events, sign up for class activities, sign up for conferences, and it will replace much of the paperwork you are used to receiving. Throughout the year, you will receive additional information on how to use the Google Doc. Once we are up and running, your children will also be able to show much of what they are producing in school using this tool.

Email is the best way to contact me and I generally respond quickly (agregor@concordps.org). Please keep in mind that I receive emails from many parents throughout the year but be assured that I will respond as quickly as I can. If needed, you can also call the main office or send a letter to the school with your child.

Schoolwork!

I have high expectations for all my students and for myself as a teacher. I do everything I can to help students have an academically and socially successful year. In the 5th grade, students will be assigned challenging, independent homework and long-term projects. Independent work is important to a student's success and is an opportunity to prepare students for the coming years. My goal, through a consistent, light, homework load, is to empower students to manage their own work at home to gain further academic independence.

Behavior!

A safe, friendly learning environment is important to a successful classroom experience. In our classroom, I expect all children to be respectful of others. Your child is in school to develop socially and academically and my goal is to facilitate that growth. We will discuss the classroom rules and procedures during the first few days of school and we will agree upon a clear set of rules that we will all follow throughout the year.

I anticipate a fun, engaging, successful year where all students produce their best work. Students will work together as a team to help each other grow throughout the year. If you have questions or concerns throughout the school year, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting you and your child soon!

Sincerely,
Adam Gregor

First Day Assignment

THE ME-BAG!

For the first day of school, please bring a "ME" bag. This can be as simple as a paper bag containing things that will help both your classmates and myself get to know you better. Include items such as photographs and other items that help to define you (a baseball, hobby items, postcards of your favorite place, items from a vacation, etc!). Please aim for between 3-5 items in your "ME" bag. This will be a great way to get to know each other and to learn what you did over the summer. We will share them the first few weeks of school.