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Welcome to Fifth Grade!!! 😊

Hello and welcome to Fifth grade! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Cathy Smolenski and I will be your child's fifth grade teacher the 2018 - 2019 school year. Fifth grade is a precursor to Middle School. I look very forward to watching all students grow academically, socially, and in independence.

This is my seventh year at C.E.E. and my eighteenth year of teaching. I've taught various ages from Kindergarten to Fifth grade, as well as English Language Learners. I am married and have two daughters. One, a recent graduate of NAU and the other is married and lives in California.

One of my main mottos is: TRY! If you try, you will reach your highest potential. 'Trying' also includes asking questions and participating in class and doing Home Practice assignments. I use small group and individual teaching in most subjects. That way, I am teaching to your child's level and am able to take them above that level.

C.E.E. uses S.L.A.N.T. as a school wide strategy for staying focused and on task. Most importantly, we work together. It is an integral part of a child's learning that all of us; student, teacher, and parent, are working to help them learn to their greatest ability and become independent learners.

We use many organizational strategies. A few are the agenda, a 1" homework binder, and our green folders (to be purchased by the school). Being organized is another key to your child's success.

Our communication is important. Fifth grade will use an agenda EVERY DAY to log important messages to the parent and to write down their homework. Your child's graded work will be sent home, weekly. This gives you an opportunity to see what we have been studying in class and to stay abreast of how your child is doing in those subjects. Fifth grade sends home a newsletter every Monday with important dates and what we are learning each week. Lastly, please contact me with ANY questions, comments, or concerns. My email address is crsmolenski@hotmail.com.

Please join us for "Meet the Teacher" night, August 2nd, from 5:00p-6:00p. I am very excited to begin a new school year here, at C.E.E. Working together, we will develop your child to their greatest potential. **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** August 6th, Monday from 8:30a - 3:30p.

Thank you all,

Cathy Smolenski

Fifth grade - Supply list - Smolenski

These are group supplies. Please do not label with a name.

PRE-SHARPENED: 4 boxes of #2 pencils

3 glue sticks

4 packages of sticky notes

3 boxes of tissues

1 box of crayons - 24 count

1 box of colored pencils - 12 count

1 box of markers - 10 count

4 -5 packages Expo whiteboard markers (we use these A LOT!!!)

2 package index cards

Clorox Wipes

1 inch binder with dividers - This will be their homework binder.

1 subject spiral notebook

1 - agenda - (purchase from CEE on Meet the Teacher Night)

\$40 - educational fee for periodicals and other classroom resources - to be paid in the office

PLEASE:

*No rolling backpacks,

*No mechanical pencils.