

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## ***Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!***

Hi, I am Ms. Shaw, and I am so very excited about our year together. I anticipate the weeks and months ahead to be filled with great explorations and accomplishments. It will be a year of learning and growth as students, teachers, and parents working together as a team to create the best possible experience for each student individually and our class as a whole. Our classroom community will be grounded in mutual respect, a comfortable environment that invites all questions, and fosters open communication to ensure we are all working together to grow. I encourage you to reach out with any concerns, questions, comments by leaving me a message at the school office, writing notes, or connecting through email: [tshaw@csat-k12.org](mailto:tshaw@csat-k12.org)

A few things about me... I obtained my Master's in Education from New York State and I have also taught in Virginia, North Carolina and Vermont. As much as I love to travel, Buffalo is my true home! It's fun to share with my students my experiences, photos and knowledge about various places I have visited. I am a professional photographer very passionate about both education & the arts. I moved here from NYC where I was a dance teacher & choreographer for Broadway artists. I am a published writer and excited to share my joy of creative writing. Math is also my jam and it wouldn't be uncommon to see students dance & sing during math lessons to enhance our recall as well as integrating joy in our lifelong learning experience!

In my free time, I train in the martial arts. I am a black belt in Krav Maga & Tae Kwon Do. I have two daughters both black belts... one is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader too! We also enjoy hiking, kayaking, watching football, reading & writing poetry, playing boardgames and spending time with our friends and family. I can't wait to hear about all the things my students and their families love to do!

I enjoy getting to know my students and if there is anything you would like to share about your child, please send it in a letter to me! You may choose to include his or her personality traits, hobbies, interests, favorite activities, learning styles, learning goals for fifth grade, or any other background information which will help make this a fun and successful year together. Enjoy your summer! Looking forward to our great year ahead ☺

For the love of learning,

Ms. Shaw

## ***I am sharing some tips to start the year off on the right foot:***

1. My classroom is in the Annex, Room A209... Ms. Shaw.
2. We will have snack every day, so please send in a snack with your child (even on the first day). \*Note: please do not send in peanut products\*
3. Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home from school. You need to send in a note if your child is being picked up at the end of the day or is walking home. I will need to have a note for them to be safely dismissed. If your child is riding the bus, make sure they know the bus number. We want everyone to make it home safely, especially the first week!
4. Your child should be in proper dress code beginning on the first day of classes. You can get all your uniforms at the Family Support Center.
5. Please make sure you send your child with ALL of their supplies on the first day of school. This helps with organization and allows your child to be ready to learn.
6. The first day of school is always filled with many emotions; please know I am here to help and support your child with this transition into 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Ms. Shaw's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade School Supply List 2022-2023**

**These supplies will enable you to be an organized, prepared student for the upcoming year. Please bring on the first day of class! DO NOT label any of your child's supplies. If you would like to purchase extra supplies from this list to be used in the classroom, that would be very much appreciated ☺**

- 3 (24 Pack) Wooden Pencils (pre-sharpened if possible)
- 3 (1-inch) Binders (any color/design)
- 2 Boxes of Colored Pencils & 1 Pencil box or bag
- 1 Box of Markers
- 1 Package of Dry Erase Markers (Black or Blue if possible)
- 1 Personal White Dry Erase Board
- 3 Highlighters (1 Yellow, 1 Pink, 1 Blue)
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Bottle of Glue
- 1 Set of Headphones
- 3 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 3 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags
- 3 Containers of Sanitizing Wipes for Surfaces
- 1 Container of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Smock (or old oversized T-Shirt) for Art
- 3 Packages of Dividers for Binder
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 2 Packs of Lined Paper
- 3 Plastic Folders with Pockets (1 Red, 1 Purple, 1 any other color)