

A decorative border surrounds the letter. At the top, it says "BACK TO SCHOOL" in a bubbly font. On the left side, the words "CREATE", "BUILD", "DISCOVER", and "PLAY" are written vertically, accompanied by illustrations of a pencil, a ruler, a soccer ball, and a laptop. On the right side, the words "EXPLORE", "DREAM", and "PLAY" are written vertically, accompanied by illustrations of a book, a pencil, and a laptop. At the bottom, it says "MAKE A LEARN" with an apple icon. The entire border is framed by a line of small, repeating school-related icons.

BACK TO SCHOOL

WELCOME TO 5TH GRADE!

Dear 5th grader,

Hello! I hope you have been enjoying your summer so far! It is crazy how fast this summer went and how close the start of the new school year is! I am so excited to be your teacher this year!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. My name is Mrs. Brown and this is my fourth year here at East Syracuse Elementary, although it will be my twelfth year teaching! I joined the ESM community five years ago, when I taught fifth grade distance learning at Fremont Elementary! While I am a Baldwinsville native, I do have connections to East Syracuse, as my dad is from here and my grandma and uncle still live in the village! In my free time, I love to read, do puzzles, watch movies, listen to music, dance, hike waterfalls, kickbox, and spend time with family and friends. I have been married for just over four years to Mr. Brown and we are expecting our first child, a baby girl, in mid-October!

I hope this letter finds you rested, relaxed, and ready for a new, exciting, and fun-filled school year. We are going to get to know each other and grow together. After having a wonderful summer, I have been busy getting our classroom ready and planning for our year together!

Have a wonderful rest of your summer! Keep reading, enjoy the sun, play outside, and stay hydrated - it's been a hot one! Please remember to bring all of your supplies (see the enclosed list) on the first day of school. **Remember the first day of school is Tuesday, September 3rd!** I cannot wait to meet you!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kaitlyn Brown

MAKE A LEARN

August 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is your school supply list. Please do your best to have these supplies ready for the first day of school, which will be **Tuesday, September 3rd**. If you have any trouble finding these items, please do not hesitate to let me know.

I will be providing many basic supplies, such as pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, glue sticks, and scissors. Your students will keep these supplies in their desks or chair pockets in a pencil case. I utilize most supplies I provide in a community sharing format. If your child runs out of any supplies, I will provide more. Please do **NOT** send in any mechanical pencils or binders; we do not use them in 5th grade.

5th Grade Supplies:

- 5 **plastic/poly** folders (red, yellow, blue, green, and orange). Please stick to the colors listed, as they are designated for each subject area.
- 2 marble composition notebooks
- 1 pack of **wide** ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 zippered pencil pouch, **NOT** a pencil box
- Art Smock (an old t-shirt works well)
- Earbuds/Headphones (**NO** bluetooth, **MUST** be able to fit in a quart size ziplock bag) - they have to **REMAIN** at school.
- Reusable water bottle - **NOT** a plastic, disposable bottle

If you would also be willing to donate the items below to our classroom, they will get put to good use throughout the year! We would greatly appreciate:

- 1 box of tissues (**from last names A-L**)
- 1 roll of paper towels (**from last names M-Z**)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at kbrown@esmschools.org or at 315-434-3850. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with your children!

Thank you!
Mrs. Brown