

Welcome to 5th Grade! (+ summer work)

Dear (newly minted!) 5th Grade Families,

I hope your kids are enjoying their first couple days of summer! I feel so grateful that I have already had a full year of getting to know this class during lunch and 4th/5th time. We had a great move-up day together on Monday. Ask them about the **Ball Challenge**, what they wrote for **Ten Things My Teachers Should Know About Me**, and how to play **Group Charades**. I'm so excited to teach this lively and inquisitive bunch!

Summer Homework (Must Do)

This summer, rising 5th graders should all read [I Lived on Butterfly Hill](#) by Marjorie Agosín. This is a long (nearly 500 pages) and wonderful book, so please get it soon and don't wait until the last minute to start reading! We will be doing some work around it the first couple weeks of school.

Summer Fun Checklist Challenge (May Do)

If boredom strikes (which I hope it does! It's good for kids!), here is an optional [Summer fun checklist](#) challenge. I will provide a special pizza party for any students who complete half or more of this checklist!

Fall Cross-Country Team Opportunity (Hope You Do :-)

The Cross-country season starts at the very beginning of the school year and it's the first opportunity at SFS to be on a school team! Running is a big part of my life and as one of the coaches, I love to share it with my new and former students. It's a perfect sport for everyone to enter wherever they are, build stamina and strength, make friends in different grades (teams are 5th-8th), and spend time outdoors. For anyone who is interested in trying, I recommend trying to run twice a week this summer and aim to build up to running a mile without stopping.

I am doing a couple weeks of summer camp in Golden Gate Park and then driving to Colorado for a family reunion. Road tripping there and back, I'll do a couple backpacking trips, National Park explore, and find hot springs to soak in. I hope you all have some restorative and connected summer plans on the docket, as well.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the fall,

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