

Dear 5th Grader and Family,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! My name is Mrs. Smith and I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning with you. (FYI- I go by M. Smith (Maria Smith) because there is another Mrs. Smith who also teaches 5th grade.) I am excited to meet you and your family so that we can begin to build a positive partnership that will help you become the best student you can be. I can't wait for the school year to start!

Our classroom is C-5 this year. School begins at 8:30 on Monday, August 2. Breakfast is available before school in the cafeteria and is free for everyone. Students will be released from the cafeteria at 8:20 and will be sent to their classroom. For students not eating breakfast on campus, the front and back gates to campus will open at 8:20.

You may bring a *healthy* snack to eat in the classroom before the mid-morning recess. Due to the heat, you may want to bring a water bottle as well. The school day ends at 2:41. Please make sure you pick a meeting spot for yourself and any siblings.

Each student will be given a planner on the first day of school. Schools were given a great deal of supplies from Covid funds so at this point students **do not** need to provide anything other than a backpack. I will provide you with many of the supplies that you will need at school like pencils, colored pencils, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, ruler, pencil pouch, and post-it notes.

For the first couple of days, the students will be learning about my expectations for classroom behavior and classroom routines. Please ask your child about this and reinforce the importance of doing their personal best every day.

Check the John Muir website (<https://johnmuir.lodiussd.net/>) for updates and important information regarding any social distancing or mask requirements that *may* be in place in August. Please feel free to contact me through the school office at (209) 953-8106 or by email at masmith@lodiussd.net. I am looking forward to the start of a great school year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Maria Smith

Back to School Night is August 12th!