July 2021

Dear 5th Grader and Family,

My name is Melissa Brown and I would like to welcome you to my classroom. I am very excited about having you in my class this year!

This will be my sixteenth year teaching. I spent one year in Phoenix, five years in Mesa, and nine years in Chandler. I am a native Arizonan and attended Mesa Public Schools before attending ASU. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from ASU in 2005 and completed my Master of Arts degree in Teaching and Learning with Technology in 2010. My husband Chris and I have two amazing little boys at home. Aiden is 7 years old (and will be a second grader at Fulton) and Zachary will be 5 at the end of September. When I'm not teaching or spending time with my family, I <u>LOVE</u> all sports! I played volleyball, basketball, and softball all through high school and still continue to play volleyball and softball in recreational leagues. Some of my other hobbies include going to sporting events (Go Suns, Cardinals, and Diamondbacks!!), playing cards, karaoke, and hiking.

Fifth grade is such a memorable year. My goal is to help you achieve your true potential by providing a learning environment where you feel safe, nurtured, and respected. I believe a strong partnership between home and school is crucial to the success of our learners! It is my desire to create life-long learners that are excited to come to school every day! I can't wait to get to know you and your parents.

Our Meet the Teacher day will be on Monday, July 19th.

- Grades K-2: 1:00-3:00 pm
- Grades 3-6: 3:00-5:00 pm

Please feel free to bring any supplies with you. I look forward to meeting with you and getting our year off to a great start!

Sincerely,

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5th Grade Suggested Classroom Supplies

Here is a list of suggested supplies for each student:

- +1.5 inch 3-Ring Binder
- Zipper Pencil Pouch for 3-ring binder (no pencil boxes)
- 8 Pocket Dividers (for 3-ring binder)
- Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener
- 4 Composition Notebooks
- 2 Colored Pens
- Dry Erase Markers
- Markers and Colored Pencils
- 4 Different Colored Highlighters
- College Ruled Paper
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Headphones

Classroom Donations:

- Empty Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Rolls for STEM Project
- Sticky Notes (3 in by 3 in)
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Kleenex
- Ziplock Bags (sandwich and gallon size)
- Small Index Cards
- Black Sharpies
- Sheet Protectors