

Dear Parents,

Right now the weather is very hot, and your child is probably out playing with friends or is at the pool trying to stay cool. Soon this hot spell will start to cool, and your child will have to start thinking of going back to school. Yes, it's that time of year again.



Let me introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Confer. I am one of the four fifth grade teachers at Washington Elementary School. Your child will be in my homeroom for the upcoming school year. I am eager to begin our new school year because I am looking forward to working with your child and the rest of our class.

During the "Back to School Shopping" time, I would like you to know that your child will need to have a folder for each subject (math, reading, English, spelling, science, and social studies). You may have your child label his/her folders right away. Please note that students will be asked to cover 2 textbooks. No contact paper covers. Regular book covers, book socks, or brown paper bag wrappings are just fine. If purchasing book socks, please note you will need the **larger** ones. Our books do not fit in to the smaller size. Please do not purchase any lead pencils for your child for school. We will not be allowing them in the classrooms. There have been too many problems with them in the past. Lastly, earbuds. You probably remember seeing a notice about purchasing earbuds at the end of last school year. Each student in the school will need their own personal set of earbuds to use with any technology here at WES. Please place your child's earbuds in a plastic baggie with his/her name on the bag.

Students are allowed to bring a water bottle to school. Please make sure that the water bottle has a lid so if it is knocked over, no water will spill out. Also, water only. Please fill water bottles at home before coming to school.

When you are able to, please send a box of tissues into school with your child. We go through a box of tissues every two weeks. In the winter, a box will last only a week. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Please start to collect the following items. Collection boxes will be in our classroom.

- ⊙ Plastic rings from six packs of soda (craft)
- ⊙ Junk mail CDs. Please do not pick up the free ones at the mall. We will have enough with the ones that arrive in the mail. (craft)
- ⊙ Clear plastic 2-liter soda bottles with the cap. Please make sure they are clean. (science activity)

I believe that open communication is important for a productive school year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns during the school year. Again, I'm looking forward to meeting your child and beginning our school year.

Sincerely,
Kristina Confer

