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Dear Students and Families,

Believe it or not, the start to your fifth grade year is only a few weeks away. Here are a few facts about me for those of you who do not already know me. I spend almost my entire time outside of school time with my two children. Christina is 17 and will be a senior this year at CHS. Nathaniel is 14 will also be attending CHS. During the summer I drive them to different sport camps and we spend a lot of time camping as a family. I also have both of my children read and practice math skills over the summer. This helps them to return to school more successfully in the fall.

I recommend that all children spend 25 minutes a day reading and another 25 working on math skills– even in the summer. Please come to school with the title and author of each of the books that you read. Hopefully some of you have been working on this year's DCF list. You need to keep current on your math skills. All students continue to have access to *Dreambox* for the entire summer and I hope that you spend 25 minutes three times a week on the program. The program goes up to seventh grade skills, so there is plenty of room for all students to grow. Keeping up with multiplication and division tables will make fifth grade math much easier. If you do not have internet access you can practice your skills by making flash cards.

Many people wonder what sorts of things you will need for school. I am giving you a list of recommended items, but if you cannot purchase these do not worry. I recommend purchasing the following: pencils, hand-held sharpener, large pencil box/bag, erasers, markers, color pencils, and crayons, one 1" binder, one ½" white binder, scissors, a composition book, 2 wire-ringed 1" notebooks, a box of tissues and **earbuds**. The earbuds will stay at school for the entire year and are very important. Lastly, please bring in pictures of the members in your family. We will be making a family collage, which means these pictures will be cut and glued, so do not send in special ones that cannot be altered.

I cannot wait for this year to begin. Please feel free to email me with your questions at Stephanie.miller@colchestersd.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Miller

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