Dear Rising 5th Grade Families,

Congratulations, students, on completing 4th grade! The journey to becoming an IB Learner will begin soon at West End Middle. We are so excited that you will be a member of the West End family soon, and we look forward to having you in our classes. In order to prepare for 5th grade, please read the following guidelines below.

- Incoming 5th graders will read *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- All students (grade 5-8) will read *Restart* by Gordon Korman for our all school summer read
- Review your math facts throughout the summer. Students should work towards memorizing all of the common multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction facts.

Parents and students are invited to our Blue Jay Beginnings orientation on August 6 at 9:00 a.m. Students will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet their teachers, and learn what it means to be a Blue Jay. Parents will meet in the library with the PTSO leaders, counselors, and administration for questions.

Have a great summer!

5th Grade Teachers
Some of the supplies listed below will be collected to be used by the classroom or to be used at a later date.

- Lined paper (wide ruled) 3 packs
- 100 pencils (Ticonderoga Preferred)
- Blue or black ink pens
- Highlighters
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils
- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 spiral notebooks
- Scissors
- 2- 1” 3-ring binders
- 3-ring dividers with pockets
- 3 folders with pockets and brads to hold paper
- 2 boxes of cap erasers
- Hand held sharpener
- Glue sticks
- 3-ringed pencil pouch or box
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 Rolls Paper towels
- Post-it notes
- Index cards
- Expo brand dry-erase markers
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox/ Lysol Wipes
- 1 pack of colored copy paper
- 1 pack of construction paper
- Girls – scotch tape
- Boys - staples

Book Requirements for the School Year:
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions* by Don Wulffson
- *Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

We will send a First Semester and Second Semester Book list, as reminder. A couple of books may be added after summer research.