



## Welcome to Fifth Grade!

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to welcome you and your child to the **2016-2017** school year! Your child is on the **Dolphins** Team!

My name is **Elizabeth Scheibl** and I have taught in the Westerly Public Schools for 25 years. I will be your child's English Language Arts teacher. During this time we will read some wonderful pieces of literature, students will learn and implement questioning strategies, fine tune their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills, as well as craft various forms of writing. This is sure to be a successful school year both academically and socially and I am very excited to be working with your child! Until we meet in August...enjoy the beach, pool, and summer sun!

My name is **Kim O'Donnell** and I have been teaching in the Westerly School System for over 27 years. I am excited to be your child's math teacher this year and I have many fun and interactive lessons planned in our curriculum. I am excited for a successful year of growth with your child; where teachers, students, and parents touch base often and communicate their ideas and concerns openly. Enjoy your summer vacation and I'll see you in September!

My name is **Sharon Dodge** and I have been teaching in Westerly for more than twenty years. Your child will be switching to my classroom for the Social Studies block each day. We will be working together as young historians to develop our skills of research and writing, as well as to learn about a variety of Social Studies topics, I hope to both challenge and support students as we grow and work together throughout the year. I look forward to a successful year working in partnership with you and your child.

My name is **Peter Fusaro** and I have been teaching in Westerly for more than twenty years. Your child will be attending my classroom for Science each day. We will be working to develop our skills of inquiry, the scientific process, scientific writing and discovering the love and fun of science. I hope to create curiosity and support your child's love for learning as he or she experiences many science topics throughout the year. Our Units of study for the year will be The Sun and Earth, Mixtures and Solutions, and Living Systems. Until then, enjoy your time off and I can't wait to see you in September. : )

We realize that some children may be feeling nervous or anxious about the start of school and we assure you that we are here to help ease the transition. As a team, we will learn **together** the new schedule, lockers, the new building, and most of all making new friends.

We are looking forward to having your child as a student. One of our most important goals is to create a family of learners within our classrooms. We are committed to building an environment where your child is a valued, trusted, and important part of our classroom community. It is our hope that you will support and encourage this vision at home.

Please refer to the supply lists below. We will need these items for all classes to help keep us organized, so please try to have them for the first day of school.

**It is recommended that all students bring the following supplies if possible:**

- 2 Pkgs. of sharpened pencils
- Cap Erasers
- Glue Bottle
- Pair of scissors
- 1 Sharpie Marker
- 1Pkg. Colored Pencils
- 1 Box Crayons
- 1 Heavy Duty (plastic) pocket folder for HW

**English Supplies:**

- Yellow Pocket Folder
- 1-Marble Composition Notebook

**Math Supplies:**

- Ruler-inch/centimeter
- Blue Pocket Folder
- 1- Marble Composition Notebook

**Science Supplies:**

- Orange Pocket Folder
- 1-Marble Composition Notebook

**Social Studies Supplies:**

- Green Pocket Folder
- 1-Marble Composition Notebook

**All homerooms welcome donations of *Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes*...thank you in advance!**

Also, please feel free to email us anytime at [escheibl@westerly.k12.ri.us](mailto:escheibl@westerly.k12.ri.us), [kodonnell@westerly.k12.ri.us](mailto:kodonnell@westerly.k12.ri.us), [sdodge@westerly.k12.ri.us](mailto:sdodge@westerly.k12.ri.us), [pfusaro@westerly.k12.ri.us](mailto:pfusaro@westerly.k12.ri.us). We look forward to a year filled with growth and learning while working with you and your child.

The Dolphins Team hopes to see all of you at **Open House on September 1st from 5:30--6:30 pm!** Open House will be working differently than it has in the past. **All** parents will arrive at **5:30** and will move alphabetically by last name to each of the four core subject areas for 10 minutes. Time will be provided during each classroom visit for Q and A and time will be allotted to visit the specialists as well.

We look forward to seeing you all then...Have a fun-filled, safe summer!

Fondly,

Mrs. Scheibl

Mrs. O'Donnell

Mrs. Dodge

Mr. Fusaro