

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In social studies we are beginning to lay the foundations for the study of American history, which is the focus for our 5th grade curriculum. We'll spend the year as historians, digging into the story of America's beginnings. We're learning to think and ask questions like a historian does and realizing that in many ways historians are like detectives.

Later this week all students are being asked to bring in 3-4 "artifacts" that represent some part of them. The items they choose to bring in can represent:

- Hobbies or pastimes
- Their younger years (earlier childhood events, likes, dislikes, etc.)
- Their family
- A special event from their past (a wedding, family vacation, family reunion, summer camp, etc.)
- Something they do well (sport, instrument, etc.)
- An accomplishment outside of school
- An accomplishment from their school experience

These are just a few examples! Your child may have other ideas of what to bring in. Please, however, make sure all items are small enough to be carried in to school easily, not fragile or potentially dangerous, or an irreplaceable heirloom. These may need to be left at school for a couple of days.

Thanks for helping your child gather these items! We're looking forward to sharing them together.

Sincerely,

All items should be brought to class on: _____(date)