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Dear Parents of current fourth grade students,

To assist parents in purchasing school supplies for the 2009-2010 school years, the 5th grade team teachers listed the supplies they would like your child to bring to school. We do not want you to buy any unnecessary supplies for the school year. All students receive a pen and pencil throughout the school year and colored pencils are provided to the classroom teachers.

Due to limited locker space, the following items **CANNOT** be used at Hillcrest:

Book bags on wheels and trapper keepers

The use of mechanical pencils is **discouraged** in our building. As students attempt to refill them, lead falls to the floor and may be crushed into the tile creating black marks that cannot be removed until the floor is stripped. Thank you for your consideration pertaining to this topic.

At this time, the only materials we are listing are the general school materials consistently requested by all teachers. The first week of August, you will receive this list along with the materials your child's team teachers would like your child to have for the school year on the reverse side of your homeroom assignment letter.

All students need:

#2 Regular lead pencils
loose leaf lined notebook paper
(2) packages of 3"x5" index cards
yellow highlighters

blue and black pen
small pencil case
(2) 1" binders(window style preferred)
(one for each major subject)

(A box of tissues and hand sanitizer for the classroom is appreciated.)
and.....

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

This summer, please spend time with your child practicing their basic math facts and reading either a novel or magazines. The time spent reviewing in math and reading will prepare your child for the transition back to academics.

This year, Hillcrest students made it their goal to read 25 books to meet the 25 book standard as outlined in the District's strategic plan. Attached are two different graphic organizers for your child to select from to complete after reading their books and magazines. The organizers can be turned into their literacy teacher the first week of school for credit towards their 25 books. Their literacy teacher will provide further explanation about the program the first days of school. A book list is on the reverse side of the 25 book standard explanation sheet to assist you in selecting samples of good literature.

The following are words intermediate students should be able to spell/read/and define correctly.

Again, are, about, another, almost, also, always, anyone, because, beautiful, before, buy, by, could, can't, don't, didn't, doesn't, excited, enough, everybody, everyone, everything, except, especially, friends, favorite, first, getting, have, hole, into, I'm, it's, its, knew, know, laugh, let's, myself, new, no, off, our, one, people, probably, really, right, said, school, something, sometimes, they, to, too, two, their, there, they're, then, that's, threw, through, terrible, thought, trouble, until, usually, very, want, was, went, when, won't, write, what, who, won, with, we're, wear, where, wouldn't, were, weather, whether, whole, your, you're.

I hope you have a wonderful summer enjoying the company of your family. We will see you on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the Hillcrest Intermediate School informal school visitation. This is your child's opportunity to re-visit the building now that they know their homeroom and team.

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* Please note that this letter including the 25 book standard graphic organizers will be on the Norwin website under Hillcrest Intermediate School. It will be identified as "**June Parent letter and 25 book standard.**"