



Welcome to Berry Intermediate! 2026-2027

Team: Alliance

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to fifth grade at Berry Intermediate! This year, you will have a team of four teachers, and one intervention specialist! We are each very excited to be part of your upcoming school year. As always, the beginning of a new school year holds the promise of new discovery and learning, as well as the prospect of personal growth in all areas.

As teachers, we want to make school fun and rewarding while always focusing on our main goal - student growth. We hold high standards and expectations to help our students succeed. Parent support is imperative to ensure your student has a successful year.

SUPPLY LIST

In addition to the items listed on the [General 5th Grade Supply List](#), we ask that you purchase the following items for your student:

- ☐ 1 additional composition notebook (3 total)
- ☐ 1 1" 3 ring binders
- ☐ 5 2-pocket folders (plastic is more durable): red, green, purple, yellow, blue
- ☐ 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- ☐ 2 packages of pencil top erasers

We will be collecting many of the supplies for community use. Please do not send in supplies that are not on the list above. Some of these supplies will need to be replenished throughout the year.

We travel from classroom to classroom throughout the day. We want students to carry as little as possible when transitioning in the hallway.



Team Alliance is thrilled to partner with you and your child for the upcoming school year. We believe in open communication and a strong community, so we want to take a moment to introduce ourselves.

Alison Mount: Hello! I teach language arts. This will be my 22nd year at Berry, 19 as a 5th grade teacher. I have two sons, Alex and Zach, both Lebanon graduates. Alex is a Combat Rescue Officer in the United States Air Force and Zach lives in Philadelphia and works as a scientist studying cures for cancer. I graduated from Murray State University (BS Agriculture) and The University of Dayton (MS. Ed). I enjoy spending time with my Australian Shepherd Eddie, Alex's cat "Sabre" (who is really my cat now!) and visiting with my sons whenever possible. I love following The Ohio State football, Purdue University basketball and our hometown Bengals football team!

Nick Stotts: Hi! I will be teaching science this upcoming school year. This is my 9th year here at Berry and my 11th year teaching. I live in Lebanon with my wife, Mrs. Stotts (also a 5th grade science teacher at Berry), and my 2 kids, Emi (4) and Graham (2). We enjoy spending time outside as a family and being together as much as possible. I am a huge college football fan and I am hoping that my Florida State Seminoles can turn it around this season. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you this school year!

Lauren Gray: Hello! My name is Lauren Gray, and I am so excited to begin my first year teaching at Berry Intermediate! I will be teaching math this school year. I recently graduated from the University of Dayton with a degree in Early Childhood Education and earned a Dyslexia Certificate. I am passionate about helping students build confidence in their learning and develop a love for mathematics. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy reading, traveling, and spending time with my friends, family, and my dog, Lambeau. I am also a huge Ohio State football fan! I am thrilled to begin this new journey at Berry and cannot wait to get to know your students and families. I look forward to a wonderful school year together!

Barbara Sutton: Hello! I am so excited to begin my 32nd year of teaching, with the last 13 dedicated to 5th grade. I hold a Bachelor's in Elementary and Special Education and a Master's in Elementary Education with a Gifted and Talented focus. Throughout my career, I've taught grades 1-6, ESL, and Reading Recovery, including 10 wonderful years in Texas near my family. My husband and I raised our 3 boys here in Lebanon. I look forward to an amazing year of learning and growth with your students!

Erin Swisher: Hi there! The 2026-27 school year will be my 4th year at Berry as an Intervention Specialist. Prior to teaching, I worked for Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities. I earned my bachelor's degree from Ohio University, and then my masters degree from Miami University. I have 5 kids, and two dogs. I enjoy outdoor activities, cooking, and laughing! It is going to be a great year!

Enjoy your summer break! We look forward to a great year in 5th grade!

Sincerely,

Ms. Mount
Language Arts

Mr. Stotts
Science

Mrs. Swisher
Intervention Specialist

Mrs. Sutton
Social Studies

Ms. Gray
Math

Mrs. Hegarty
Special Education Aide