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Dear Hayden Hero,

Welcome to 3H, home of the Hayden Heroes. This year, you will be part of a community of learners who respect and learn from each other. Our class theme of heroes gives you opportunities to grow your superpower strengths, to reach new goals, and to help others by being an everyday hero.



I am very happy to be your teacher and I am eager to get to know more about you. This will be my eighteenth year of teaching at Buckingham. I love teaching third grade! I enjoy reading books, walking in nature, completing puzzles, swimming in the ocean, and camping. Mr. Hayden and I had an unusual summer with our three boys. I encouraged my kids to make the best of our time together and to learn new things. Tim, age 16, learned how to drive. Thomas, age 14, created delicious new recipes, including fried pickles and funnel cakes. Teddy, age 8, became better at playing his favorite board game, *Trekking the National Parks*. I hope you had interesting experiences this summer, too!

I spent time this summer getting ready to teach on-line and/or in our classroom. You can get ready for a successful school year, too.

Before the first day of school:

- ✓ Create a home learning space that works for you and your family.
- ✓ Organize your school supplies. See the current list of suggested supplies for at-home learning on my teacher website.
- ✓ Read great books. Have a chapter book ready for independent reading the first week of school.
- ✓ Pick up your tech device following Mr. Estep's schedule.

I feel excited and anxious to start this strange school year, and you may feel the same way. Please know we will spend our first few weeks "together" learning more about each other, creating daily routines, and exploring technology resources. We will develop flexible thinking, problem-solving skills, and resourcefulness. We will have fun and we will learn.

If you or your family have any questions, please email me at khayden@cbsd.org. Enjoy the last few days of your summer.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kate Hayden