August 2022

**Hello from Room C-114!**

Fifth grade is just a few days away and I am excited to be your new teacher! It is hard to believe that the entire summer has flown by so quickly. I hope you had as much fun this summer as I did. I worked many hours as the manager of a pool this summer. You will have to ask me what it was like taking a lifeguarding class. I traveled to Vancouver, a city in western Canada. I hiked and biked and explored. I did spend some time at the beach as well in Ocean City, New Jersey. Perhaps you enjoyed the beach this summer too.

As you know, move up day looked different this past June. I am sure that it was a challenge waiting until August to find out your teacher’s name. I am excited to meet you and learn all about you. During the first week of school, I will be asking you to tell me about yourself and about any exciting things that happened during the summer. I am wondering about books that you may have read or the places you that you visited or the activities that you enjoyed these past two months.

I cannot wait to lead you through your fifth-grade journey this coming year. We will make a lot of new discoveries together. Thanks for gathering some back-to-school supplies. Do not worry if you do not have everything on the first day. I will remind everyone again, but we will need to *avoid* peanuts and tree nuts in our classroom since we are a peanut/tree nut free classroom.  We will talk more about this when we gather at school.

Our first day of school is **Monday, August 29th**. I love to learn and to listen and to laugh! (And, you may have heard, I love to tell stories!) I love books so plan to jump right in with me. It will be important to begin building our reading life together, likely on our first day!!! I look forward to meeting you next week! Have a great final few days of summer vacation! See you Monday!

Sincerely,

Mr. Erik W. Guenst