The Grapevine

 August 1st Mr. Hottenstein, 5th grade 2023

# “Allow Me to Introduce Myself”

 My name is Mr. Hottenstein, but you can call me Mr. H. I’ll be your tour guide through 5th grade! I love to get lost in a good book, juggle ideas around in my head & scribble out a story, kick back and relax in nature through camping, hiking, hunting, & fishing, and laugh until my stomach hurts. My wife and I have nine kids. They consume large amounts of food and toilet paper and are magicians at breaking things. Our life is like River Dancing on roller skates.  To get some time away from the craziness of my family, I teach 5th grade. And when I was in 5th grade, I had a very weird haircut and a nice teacher named Mrs. Censits.



That’s me in fifth grade!

**“What’s the Grapevine?”**

The Grapevine is our class newsletter. The name comes from the song, “I Heard it Through the Grapevine.” The newsletter usually comes out once every two or three weeks.

**“Lurking in the Shadows”**

Summer has belly-flopped his way into our hearts. Scoops of rest and relaxation,and topped with sprinkle-sized summer memories melt down our arms. School is sleeping, and you can hear it snoring. Your stomach tightens with a tingle when you look at the calendar. School’s summer hibernation is almost over…And the school supply list is here! You should find a supply list on the second page of this newsletter.

**“Something to Think About”**

*“I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.”*

*Chuck Swindol*

*“I choose my socks and underwear.  I choose the way I comb my hair.  I choose my clothes and breakfast snack.  I choose all day and that’s a fact.  But there are things that I can’t choose.  Sometimes I win and sometimes I lose.  Life’s not fair.  That’s no choice of my own, I go through tough times, things I wish you’d known.  See, I can’t choose everything and that’s the hard part. Discouraged and nervous, not knowing where to start.  But there’s one choice that matters, all the difference it makes.  I choose how to respond to the things that take place.  I have the choice.  I decide what to do.  I choose to press on or figure I’m through.  This choice is called attitude, a choice controlled just by me. Look at my attitude and this you will see…A good place to start, the first step to be made, towards stepping into success, my choice in FIFTH GRADE!****--------------------------------🡪--------OVER-----------------------------🡪-----------------------------------------🡪***

***Supply List***

- pencils

- red pen

- glue sticks

- scissors

- highlighter

- one composition book (marble, black and white cover is
 preferred)

- 5 loose pocket folders
- post it notes

- ear buds/headphones

**\*\*\* Optional\*\*\***

* binder (binder is optional. It can be very helpful in keeping you organized. However, it does take up a ton of space. If it helps you stay organized, add it to your checklist.)

- markers or crayons