

Dear Fifth Grader,

I'm so excited that you will be a part of our class this year! Fifth grade is going to be an exceptional year, and I'm thrilled that I get to be a part of it! I am really looking forward to getting to know each one of you. I know we have a great year ahead of us!

I am looking forward to the year ahead, but I also hope everyone is enjoying a safe and exciting summer! I am lucky enough to get to spend some time in Michigan this summer. Mrs. Heine, our son Sam, and I are going to visit family on Lake Michigan. We will go biking, swimming, and spend lots of time outside. We'll be spending one of the weeks of our summer relaxing on Peaks Island in Maine. I love this vacation, because I get to spend time biking, boating, and enjoying the beauty that this island has to offer. I can't wait to share these experiences with you at the beginning of the year!

I'm very excited about my summer, but I'm equally excited to hear about all of the wonderful things that you did on your vacation. Please come to school on the first day prepared to talk about a highlight of your summer vacation. You may find it helpful to bring in a picture, or to write down a few ideas of what you'd like to share with the class. Your favorite part of summer doesn't have to be a big trip. You could discuss a favorite book you read or maybe something new that you learned over the summer!

This will be my eleventh year teaching at Warwick. I've taught kindergarten, 4th and 5th grade. I love our school, and I'm excited to continue to grow as a teacher at Warwick. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to be a part of such a wonderful school environment with a fantastic staff and student body. Being a part of the school community is one of my favorite parts of teaching, other than the work we do in the classroom.

There is so much about the 5th grade curriculum that I am excited to teach! I greatly enjoy teaching all subjects, but my passion is in science. I plan on incorporating this into reading, writing, and math when possible. I can assure you that I will do my best to bring energy and excitement to everything that we will be learning this year!

Please enjoy the rest of your summer! Make sure you are reading and writing as much as possible. It's important to stay fresh so we can hit the ground running when school starts. Just as important, make sure you are having lots of fun and enjoying your time off! I can't wait to get the year started!

Sincerely,

Mr. Heine