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Hello, from Room C-114!

Fifth grade is just around the corner, and I am excited to be your new teacher! I hope you plan to have as much fun this summer as I do. Last summer, I traveled to Montreal, a city in eastern Canada. I hiked and biked and explored. This summer, I plan to return to Montreal and then head to Quebec City, another city in Canada. I will visit Washington, DC to spend time with my family. I am sure to complete some house projects before heading to the beach as well in Cape May, New Jersey. Perhaps you will enjoy the beach this summer, too.

As you know, Move-up Day occurred this past June, and you met some of the 5th grade teachers. I am sure that it will be a challenge waiting until August to find out your teacher's name. I know I will be 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 will be wondering about books that you may have read or the places that you may have visited or the activities that you enjoyed during the summer break. 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 may need to avoid peanuts and tree nuts in our classroom*. We will talk more about this when we gather at school. Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 2nd. 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 after Labor Day weekend! Have a great summer vacation!

Sincerely, Mr. Erik W. Guenst