Dear Fifth Graders,

Welcome to 5th grade! I hope you are having a fantastic summer! My family and I spent our summer visiting family, touring Washington, D.C., and spending time at lots of our favorite outdoor spots. I am getting excited to meet all of you in September!

I <u>love</u> to read, and we'll do lots of it in 5th grade, especially during our daily read aloud and your independent reading time. We will use various novels, poems, and news articles to help you build not only your reading skills but your love of reading. You will write about all sorts of things this year, including personal narratives, informational essays, opinion papers, poetry, and even a science fiction story! In math, you'll get to build on the skills you learned in 4th grade so you feel confident with your computation and problem solving abilities. Fifth graders get to explore lots of interesting topics. In science, we learn about the weather, nature's recyclers, and the types of energy that are all around us. Social Studies lets us travel around America from the time before the early explorers to the Revolutionary War time period and Westward Expansion. I hope you're ready for a busy and exciting year!

Students, I am so excited to get to meet you in a few short weeks. You can help me get to know you even before our year begins. I would love for all of my 5th graders to write me a letter. The purpose of your letter is to help me learn as much about you as I can before we return to start the school year. What did you do this summer? What are your interests? What do you like? Dislike? What excites you about 5th grade? You can share any information that you'd like me to know. When you write to me, feel free to include any fun photos you have. You can email your letter to me at Ireigner@cbsd.org, or mail them to me at Buckingham Elementary.

Please be in touch if you have any questions. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will see you on Tuesday, September 5th!

Sincerely, Mrs. Reigner