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Dear 5M Students and Families,

Hello and Welcome! Although summer is quickly coming to an end, an exciting new school year is about to begin. I hope you have had a spectacular summer and are now ready for a rewarding school year. I am looking forward to being your teacher during your fifth-grade year at Cynwyd Elementary. I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to be a building block in your journey of becoming a lifelong learner and I am very enthusiastic about working with you and your parents.

Fifth grade is an exhilarating time in which you will continue your journey through the world of education. An intriguing and enjoyable year has been planned for you. I am anticipating productive and successful learning experiences. My goal is that you make great academic and social progress this year. Teaching you is a privilege as well as an incredible responsibility; I will always strive to instill a joy for lifelong learning with the intention of making your fifth grade experience one that you will always remember. In order for this to happen, I will need yours and your parents' continuous help and support. You are my most important partners.

In planning for a prosperous year, you will need the items on the attached fifth grade supply list to get you started. You should bring these supplies with you on the first day of school. Please also remember to return your COPPA and Google Drive forms. In addition to the material items listed, please remember to bring your enthusiasm, a sense of humor, cooperative spirit and willingness to take risks. With all of these supplies in hand, you are guaranteed to have an incredible fifth grade year.

I am looking forward to working as a team to create a successful and memorable fifth grade learning experience. I know this will be an exciting and productive year for all of us. The first day will be here before we know it. Until then, keep having fun, enjoying family and friends, reading and relaxing. See you in September!

Sincerely,

*Mr. Robert McDermott*