

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grader,

I am so excited that you will be a part of our class this year! 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to be an exceptional year, and I'm thrilled that I get to be a part of it! I am 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 enjoyed a safe and exciting summer! My summer started with the birth of my second son, Quinn. It's been an exciting summer with our new addition. Mrs. Heine, our sons Sam and Quinn, and I were lucky enough to get to travel with our extended family during the summer. We spent one of the weeks of our summer relaxing on a small lake in the Poconos. I loved this vacation, because I got to spend time boating, swimming, and relaxing with our family. We also enjoyed a week in Ocean City, NJ. I love being down the shore reading on the beach and swimming in the ocean. We spent lots of time with family and friends and I enjoyed watching Sam play with his 12 cousins throughout the summer. I can't wait to share these experiences with you at the beginning of the year!

I am excited to hear about all of the wonderful things that you did on your summer break. Please come to school on the first day prepared to talk about a highlight of your summer break. 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 14<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Warwick. I've taught kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

You are going to love 5<sup>th</sup> grade! There is so much about the 5<sup>th</sup> curriculum that I am excited to teach! I greatly enjoy teaching all subjects, but my passion is 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! I am looking forward to helping you grow as an independent learner. We will work on developing time management skills, notetaking skills and study skills. As a 5<sup>th</sup> grader your responsibility and level of independence will increase. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is an exciting time when you will be given more opportunities to be a leader at Warwick.

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