August, 2026

Welcome to Fifth Grade!



I am excited to have you in my class! I have so many ideas and plans for our year together, and I can't wait to meet you.

You will be a student in my 25th class at Antolini! I live in Collinsville with my husband, our son Myles, who is entering 9th grade, and our daughter Norah, who is entering 5th grade. This summer, we spent a week on Cape Cod, went camping, and did a lot of swimming and kayaking together. I also read many books, worked in my gardens, took lots of walks, and completed some house projects. It was wonderful, but I'm eager to get back to a normal routine.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and are also looking forward to returning to school. In the coming weeks, I will be busy setting up our classroom and making plans for our first few weeks together. **Save the date for Tuesday, August 25th for a meet and greet event that we will be having at Antolini!** The time and details will be shared soon if they haven't already. At this time, you will be able to meet me, check out our classroom, and even drop off your school supplies if you want.

Parents: Please email me as soon as possible from your preferred email account(s). These are the addresses that I will use for frequent communication and I would like to get started soon. In this email, feel free to share any information you believe will help me support your child through this year. I would love to know strengths, challenges, preferences, ideas that have worked in the past, or any information that is important for me to know. It doesn't have to be lengthy, but don't be shy either! Our partnership is key for your child's success this year.

Enjoy the next few weeks. I am looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gaedeke

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Grade 5 Supply List

- ☐ Two composition/marble notebooks, in two different colors
- ☐ Five durable 2-pocket folders, in different colors.
- ☐ One pencil pouch/bag to hold all materials
- ☐ Headphones to be kept in the classroom for the year
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Small pair of student scissors

Helpful to have all items labeled clearly with student names.