



Dear Fifth Grader,

Welcome to Highcrest Middle School! My name is Mrs. Taylor and I will be your homeroom teacher this year. I will teach you Social Studies, Math and Science. Mrs. Martino is our team teacher who will teach you ELA, which is reading and writing. You will have different teachers for World Language, Creative Arts and Physical Education. As a homeroom class we will work together to learn about friendship, school spirit, and how to keep yourself organized.

I am so excited to meet and learn about each one of you! You may want to now a little about me before we actually meet. This will be my 23rd year teaching fifth grade at Highcrest, all in the same classroom - room 162. I have 2 children, Julia (16) and Cameron (13). They keep me on my toes and we stay very busy with all of their activities. Julia is on the lacrosse team. Cameron plays youth football, travel baseball and many other sports throughout the year. We live in Gurnee, and I can see the six flags fireworks from my backyard! I have a 5 year old mini golden doodle named Cooper and he is a fun, playful and sometimes a naughty dog. I am married to Mr. Taylor, who is a PE teacher at Highcrest. I grew up in Michigan and still go back to Lake Michigan every year with my whole family. We have a summer house on Beaver Island. Besides my kids activities this summer, we went to the pool, many outdoor concerts and I was able to do what I love to do, read. We love to travel and go to Florida for Thanksgiving and Spring break and try to go to new states too. This summer we spent most weekends at baseball tournaments, so no new states. I can't wait to hear about your summer!

School will be here before we know it! You may have a lot of questions right now, but your fifth grade year at Highcrest will be great. I look forward to a wonderful year with many fun and creative activities and projects. See you soon!

Sincerely,

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