



Dear Fifth Grade Students,

Welcome to Highcrest Middle School! I hope your summer vacation has been filled with laughter, relaxation, and fun in the sun. There have been some truly beautiful days this summer—perfect for going to the pool, watching fireworks, and eating tons of ice cream! This summer, I worked with the Summer Enrichment Program, participated in fitness classes, and visited with friends. The time definitely went by very quickly, but the past few months have been wonderful!

As your homeroom teacher, I can't wait to share the many wonderful experiences and learning adventures of fifth grade with you. I am so excited about meeting you and making this year a terrific one for us all! You may have tons of questions right now, but I can assure you that I will be here for you as you transition to Highcrest...and that I will continue helping you in any way possible as the school year progresses. Together we will fill our classroom community with enthusiastic spirit, fun activities, teamwork, and loads of learning.

In terms of the materials you will need for the start of the year, there is a fifth grade general supply list. If you pre-ordered your materials, they may already be in the classroom waiting for you. If you have your own materials, you can bring them on the first day of school. During the first few days, we will spend some time organizing these materials, learning about the building, and getting to know each other. Although you will have me as your teacher for Homeroom, ELA, and Social Studies, you will also learn more about where you will be going for Math and Science.

There is an orientation planned for fifth graders on August 29<sup>th</sup>, but that is not the day where we meet. Our first day together is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. On that day, you will find our classroom, introduce yourself to me with a big smile (I will do the same!), and follow any directions on the board to help you get settled in. That will be the start to your journey as fabulous fifth graders.

I look forward to meeting all of you and welcoming you to fifth grade in person. I feel confident that this will be a positive, successful year for us all. Enjoy the rest of your summer...I'll see you soon!!

Warmly,  
Ms. Gontovnick