



Dear Fifth Grader,

Welcome to Highcrest Middle School and the school year of 2018-2019. I hope that you had a wonderful summer. My name is Mrs. Rizman and I will be your homeroom teacher this year. What *IS* a homeroom teacher, you ask? You will begin your day with me and I will also teach you science and social studies. You may have different teachers for reading, writing, and math. There are also different teachers for physical education, world language, and related arts (art, drama, music, creative communications, exploring digital media). You will learn all about your schedule in our first week together. As a homeroom class, we will work together to learn about each other, empathy, problem solving, and how to stay organized.

I'm very excited to meet and get to know each one of you! Before we meet, let me tell you a little bit about me. This will be my twelfth year at Highcrest and my fifteenth year of teaching. I love teaching 5th grade and am excited to get to know each one of you! We will have great conversations!

My husband and I live in Highland Park with our 6 year old son, Lucas, and our 3 1/2 year old daughter, Julia. We love to try new restaurants, go to concerts and sporting events, and travel. This summer we spent lots of time outside, at the pool and beach, and having summer fun! A common pastime in our house is playing music and dancing along. We're a pretty silly bunch. (You'll almost always hear music coming from room 168, too!) Our favorite part of the summer was visiting South Haven, Michigan where my husband's family has been visiting for 100 years.

I look forward to meeting you on our first half-day of school, Thursday August 30th. You should bring your supplies and water bottle with you, to our classroom, room 168. If you ordered your supplies, they will be waiting your arrival in our classroom.

We will have an incredibly memorable year together in fifth grade. You probably have many questions, but don't worry I will be there to help you in your first year at Highcrest. Feel free to e-mail me with any questions before we meet. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you soon!

Sincerely,
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