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Dear 5th and 6th Grade German Students (and Parents),

Welcome back to school and welcome to Highcrest Middle School! I hope you had a wonderful summer and that you are eager to learn German this year!

For those of you who do not know me, I am Frau (Mrs.) Erin Kaminsky. I want to tell you a bit about myself. I am married and have two children, Adam (11) and Sofia (14). I live in Northfield. My favorite color is green, my favorite food is french fries. In my free time I like to be with my family, I like to read, travel, garden, go biking, hiking, skiing and play tennis!

I have been teaching German in Wilmette since 2010, but I've been teaching for more than 20 years! I started learning German when I was 7 years old, at a Concordia Language Villages summer camp called Waldsee. I took German in high school and in college, then I lived and studied in Germany for two years. After I graduated from the University of Chicago, I worked in the business world for a short while before I decided to become a German teacher. It was the best career decision I have ever made!

I had a wonderful and very busy summer! In June I took 26 students and 5 parents on an exchange trip to Germany. We stayed with host families for 10 days and then traveled down the Rhein. On our trip we walked up to the top of the Cologne Cathedral, stayed overnight in a fortress, went on a boat trip on the Rhein, visited the Eltz castle and went to the Porsche Museum. It was pretty amazing! In August I went back to Europe with my own family. We managed to visit 5 countries in the 3 weeks we were there: Germany, Austria, Lichtenstein, Switzerland and France.

We have a great year ahead of us! In 5th grade we will spend the first few months getting to know each other and getting comfortable listening to, reading and speaking German. Students in 6th grade will start off the year talking about school and hobbies. All students will create fun projects, learn songs & poems, read short stories, act out skits and help with the Bank & Laden (store).

I am so excited to meet you or see you again! I am looking forward to teaching you German as well as getting to know all about who you are and what makes you YOU!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,

Frau Kaminsky

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Wilmette students and their German partners in front of the Telgte Town Hall. I'm in the front row, 3rd from the right. Next to me is Frau Polley (she was once the German teacher in Wilmette) and next to her is Wolfgang Pieper, the Bürgermeister (mayor) of Telgte.



This is me and my family before visiting Castle Neuschwanstein.

