Dear Fifth Graders,

Welcome to fifth grade! I am excited to announce that I will be your fifth-grade homeroom teacher! I am so happy that you will be in our class. I am looking forward to a busy year full of new learning experiences.  
  
​I hope you had a fabulous summer vacation. Mine was relaxing, but very busy. I have been in our classroom working hard to make it special for our class. I want to take this chance to tell you a little bit about myself. This will be my seventh-year teaching, but my third year at Glencairn (Red Cedar) Elementary. Prior to this, I taught in Swartz Creek, Michigan where I taught two years of first grade and two years of fourth grade. This will be my third-year teaching fifth grade. I LOVE this grade!  
  
I really enjoy being outside and on the lake. I am a huge sports fan. I **love** the Redwings, Pistons, Lions and Tigers. I am also a big Michigan State fan. I actively play basketball almost year-round and compete in many tournaments across the state. I encourage you to come to some during the summer! I also would love to attend any of your events when possible. Please send me any sports schedules as I find those to be so much fun to go to! Lastly, if I am not enjoying any of that, I am typically working around the house or in the yard as there are always things to work on or fix. Home Depot has been a store I seem to live at these days!  
  
When you start fifth grade, you may have some old friends from last year, but there may be some others you do not know. We will begin the year by learning all about each other. During the first weeks of school we will be working on getting to know each other and finding out what things we have in common and what things may be different. We also will be learning the routines and the overall expectations for fifth grade. I am looking forward to learning more about you!  
  
If you ever need to contact me my email is [robert.cawson@elps.us](mailto:robert.cawson@elps.us). We will also be "flipping" our classroom by using Google to stay in contact and pursue many learning opportunities. We will talk more about that later.  I look forward to getting to know you!  
  
Sincerely,  
Mr. Cawson