



Dear Families,

Welcome to fifth grade! I hope you have had an amazing summer and are looking forward to this new school year. But before I continue on about what you can look forward to this year, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Christopher D'Haene (D-Hane) and this is my 4th year as a fifth grade teacher. I am thrilled and honored to work alongside Mrs. Shirey and Mrs. Lomas. I am a graduate of Mason, where after graduating high school, I later continued my education at Michigan State University where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Masters in Teaching and Curriculum.

Fifth grade is great year that's full of excitement and learning and I'm very excited for you to be in my classroom. This year you will be sitting in tables in groups of four or five and you will also have a locker instead of cubbies (if you had one last year). I would recommend avoid buying a trapper keeper or large binders since that won't be able to fit in the small mailboxes in our classroom. The small mailboxes though will be able to fit the belongings you will need for the day. I understand that some of you prefer to have your own supplies, this is fine with me but I want to let you know I will be providing you with folders, notebooks, glue, crayons, colored pencils, markers, pencils, scissors, pens, calculators, and rulers to share. Also, I want to remind you that while you will have a locker, it is not that big, so don't bring a huge backpack or one that has wheels.

If you happen to see any good sales before school starts though, it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate two or three boxes of Kleenex, band-aids, hand soap/sanitizer, or Clorox wipes. We will have time for snack each day this year and the students will be responsible for bringing a **nutritious** snack from home. Some ideas are: a piece or two of fruit, carrot sticks, granola bar, etc. I do plan on keeping a box of crackers or some type of healthy snack available just in case though. Cookies, chips, pop, or any other sugary snack will not be allowed during snack time. The students are also allowed to bring a water bottle filled with water only if they would like to do so.

I am very excited about the first day of school and I look forward to meeting you all and as well as having our best year ever. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely Yours,

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