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Dear Fifth Grade Families,

WELCOME to 5th grade! I will be your child's teacher for the coming school year.

I want to share a little bit about myself. I have taught for 13 years and absolutely love it! My husband, Craig, and I have a 16 year old son, Hunter and a 7 year old daughter, Hailey. I am looking forward to a year of learning with you and your child!!!

I enjoy teaching 5th grade and can't wait to begin our new school year! Throughout the year I will keep you informed of everything that is going on — our classroom plans, your child's progress, field trips, and all of the activities that will make this a successful and memorable year.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, I would be glad to talk with you at any time or set up a conference. Please feel free to stop by room 101 or contact me at school. Open communication between us will be an important aspect of this academic school year.

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I hope you are enjoying the summer. There is so much to do in Rochester: playing outside, going to the beach, local amusement parks, splash parks, festivals, or even just having a good book to read in the sun. Enjoy it all!

I am very excited about the year, and look forward to getting to know you.

Warmly,

Mrs. Melissa Barber

P.S. I appreciate your support in getting your 5th grader ready for the new school year. I am enclosing a list of suggested school supplies. If you can provide the items listed, it will allow me to spend my limited budget on other needed materials. Thank you so much for your help!