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Dear Students and Families:

Welcome to 5th grade!

I hope you have enjoyed your summer! My name is Mr. Deininger, and I teach ELA and Social Studies. Before we meet, I wanted to share a little bit about myself. This is my 10th year as a teacher and 7th at Highcrest. Prior to that, I spent time as writer and editor working mostly with newspapers, magazines, and technical journals. I've also spent time working in social services, specifically with an organization that provided support for the homeless.

My wife is also a teacher, and we enjoyed our time off this summer with our six-year-old daughter Elliott. We've spent time going to the beach, biking, reading lots of books, and took trips to Maine, Nantucket, Michigan, and the Apostle Islands. We love travel and the outdoors!

Some other things I enjoy include going for runs with my dog Arlo, kayaking, building things, playing sports, and tending to the garden and chickens with Elliott.

Looking forward meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Mr. Deininger