

Welcome to Fifth Grade!

Hello Fifth Graders~

I am so excited about meeting you and making this year a terrific one for us all! You may have tons of questions right now, but I can assure you that I will be here for you as you transition to Highcrest...and I will continue helping you in any way possible as the school year progresses. Together we will fill our classroom community with enthusiastic spirit, fun activities, teamwork, and loads of learning.

~Ms. Gontovnick

~About the Teacher~

What do I teach?	Fun Facts!	Why I love Fifth Grade:
I teach Homeroom, ELA (Reading and Writing), and Social Studies. You will travel to other teachers for Math, Science, P.E., Creative Arts, and more. You'll learn all about your schedule once school starts. The information will be rolled out slowly and clearly, with plenty of time for questions.	Can't say "no" to: pizza, cupcakes, fresh fruit, ice cream, pasta...and the list continues! A fan of: Chicago sports teams, Golden State Warriors, and a new football team each and every season Enjoys: Zumba, learning to play tennis, watching Dancing with the Stars, laughing with friends Is banned from: cooking Thanksgiving dinner for the family 😊	3. It is so fun to watch my students grow socially and academically over the course of the year. Responsibility. Compassion. Ownership. I love being part of the process. 2. Tons of cool opportunities and experiences. From assemblies to clubs to meeting new friends in your classes, Highcrest has a lot to offer. 1. The. Best. Students.

~More for YOU~

What should you expect in the very first moments of Fifth Grade?	What about your supplies?	Everything is so new! How will you learn about Highcrest?
The first step is easy: on Wednesday, you will walk to our classroom, say hello to me as you enter (I will do the same!), and follow any directions on the board to help you get settled in. Don't forget to smile.	If you ordered your supplies, I will have them for you in the room. If not, please bring your supplies with you. If you need a refresher on what supplies fifth graders use, please visit the HMS webpage. On the home screen, there is a link for Supply Lists.	During the first few days of school, we will spend time organizing our materials, learning about the building, and getting to know each other. You will also receive your iPads. Navigating a new building and a new routine takes some time...but we will get there...together!