



Welcome to Highercrest!



Dear Fifth Grader,

Welcome to fifth grade! My name is Mrs. Martino and I will be your homeroom teacher this year. This means that you will be spending much of your day with me. I will teach you Reading, Writing and Social Studies. You will have Mrs. Taylor for Math, and Science and other teachers for PE, World Language, and Creative Arts. As a homeroom class, we will work together to learn about friendship, service, school spirit, current events and how to stay organized. We will do a variety of group and individual projects using a lot of technology throughout the year.

I am very excited to meet all of you tomorrow. Before we meet, let me tell you a little about myself. This is my 18th year teaching 5th grade at Highercrest. I graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Education. I also have my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University. I live in Park Ridge and have a three year old son named Eddie. When I am not teaching, I love to travel, go bike riding, try new restaurants, bake new recipes, and I try to go sailing as much as possible. I love to be outside, summer is definitely my favorite season!

This summer I loved being home with Eddie. We had fun going to the park, splash pad and the pool and of course playing with our Goldendoodle, Lola. In addition to spending a lot of time sailing, we also spent time camping. Even though summer always seems to fly by too fast, I am so excited to get back to school.

I can't wait to meet all of you! I also look forward to answering any questions you have about me, Highercrest, or 5th grade in general. I know we will have a fantastic year together and I can't wait to get started!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Martino



