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Hello Parents and Guardians,

I am so happy to have the honor of teaching your child this year. This will surely be an exciting year for your scholar. We have new colleagues teaching with us and we are planning an exciting fifth grade year with enriching experiences in the spirit of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics). Lots of learning will take place and the pleasure of reading will be fulfilled in and out of the classroom.

Parents, you have homework tonight! Please read and fill out all of the forms with your child and return them tomorrow. These forms are important, especially in an emergency. If you would like your child to bring a cell phone to school, the school requires that you write a letter explaining why you would like your child to have it. Once I receive your letter, I will provide you a form to complete, and upon return, the school will put your permission on file. The phones will not be used during school time and I will keep them at my desk until the end of the day. They are only for after school use.

Every Monday, I will send home a homework packet of spelling and reading that will be due the following Friday. Please remind your child to pace their work and do a little each day. Additionally, students will bring home social studies or science homework and math homework as we learn these lessons and these assignments will most likely be due the following day. Students will maintain a planner to keep track of their assignments.

I would appreciate you writing an email or letter that describes your child. Please include anything that you would like me to know about your child, his or her needs, your goals, etc. If there is anything you would rather share or ask me in person, we can certainly set up a conference time in the first weeks of school. I am here to support you in educating your child. It is my goal to help your student express their passion for learning, and develop scholarly habits.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gillet