



Dear Grade Five Student;

Welcome to fifth grade! I'm honored to be your teacher. Although I have the title of "fifth grade teacher", I earnestly believe that you have just as much to teach me as I have to teach you. While this is my first year teaching fifth grade, I've been an educator for many years. I've had the privilege of teaching students all over the world! Some of the places I've taught are: Germany, England, India, Nepal, Cuba and Hawaii. I've taught health, art, English, social studies, and even karate! I love to teach, and more importantly I love to learn.

Our classroom is a safe place to learn new things, share ideas and grow in intellect and character. However, I can't do it alone, I need your help! I expect you to give your very best work, and I will do the same. I expect that you will always use good behavior, and I will also do the same. As your teacher I promise to treat you as I want to be treated, and to work as hard as I ask you to work.

I've gotten the chance to meet many of you and wow, you all sure had a lot of questions for me! I've spent part of the summer building a website that will hopefully answer many of your questions about what kind of teacher I am. Just like me, the website is still a work in progress! I'll add to it throughout the year, and hopefully you'll allow me to post some of your work on the website as well. **Please ask your parent/guardian if it's okay to visit the website first!**

www.msuyenosclassroom.weebly.com

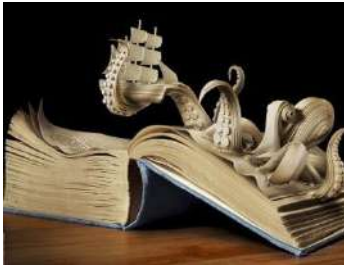
I balance exercising my mind with exercising my body. I play roller derby for with the Sac City Rollers. Roller derby not only provides physical exercise, but teaches me a lot about patience, teamwork, communication and joy; all character traits that we will incorporate into our classroom. As a team captain, I realize that each teammate is unique, essential and valuable to the team. Each person brings different perspectives, abilities and experiences, which makes us stronger. I believe this to be the same for our classroom as well: you have unique perspectives, abilities and experiences that will help our classroom become a more dynamic center to learn, share and grow. You are unique, essential and valuable to our classroom! I'm so happy you get to be a part of our team!

YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT: I've included a letter as well as a supply list for your parent/guardian. It's is **YOUR** responsibility to give the letter and list to them! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Looking forward to a fun and productive year!

Ms. K. Uyeno

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Dear Grade Five Parent/Guardian;

Welcome to a new school year! I'm excited and honored to be your student's teacher. I realize that teaching your child is a great privilege and a responsibility that I take seriously. Although I have the title of "fifth grade teacher", I believe that your student has just as much to teach me as I have to teach him/her. While this is my first year teaching fifth grade, I've been an educator for many years. I've had the privilege of teaching students all over the world! I also consider myself a lifelong learner and work hard to stay current in my field.

I've earned my B.A. in Psychology, and completed my teaching credential as well as Master of Arts in Teaching at William Jessup University. In my formative years I received a classical education that was community based. I've completed two years at Watkins College of Art and Design, focusing my studies on film directing. I love to create things, and hope to foster that love in your student!

I believe in leading by example; I will treat your student how I expect to be treated, and will work hard to provide appropriately challenging lessons. My expectations are high because I know your student can meet them! Our classroom is a safe place to learn new things, share ideas and grow in intellect and character. However, to create this dynamic environment requires you and I to be cohorts in the learning process. Please be prepared to support and challenge your student and at home. We'll work together to ensure they complete homework and assignments. Information regarding long term assignments (such as book reports or projects) will be communicated to you. **Your student will write down homework and assignments in their planner, please check this nightly and initial it!** The reason for this is multi-faceted: together we're preparing your student for the responsibility of middle and high school, we're emphasizing an organizational tool, and it's an easy way for you and I to communicate classroom assignments.

Creating balance in life is important to me; therefore I balance exercising my mind with exercising my body. I play roller derby for with the Sac City Rollers, a professional, all female flat track team. This not only provides physical exercise for me, but teaches me a lot about patience, teamwork, communication and joy; all character traits I like to incorporate into my classroom practices. As a team captain, I realize that each teammate brings different perspectives, abilities and experiences, which makes us stronger. I believe this translates to the classroom as well: each student has unique perspectives, abilities and experiences that will transform our classroom into dynamic center to learn, share and grow.

Please feel free to contact me if you're interested in volunteering in the classroom or if you have specific questions you'd like me to address. I look forward to working with you throughout the year!

In the pursuit of knowledge,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Uyeno", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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GRADE FIVE SUPPLY LIST

If you can't find the EXACT item as it is listed below, please don't worry! I do try to keep our subject notebooks/folders color coded. If you are unable to find the colors listed below, please make sure to find a matching notebook/folder.

Please DO NOT bring folders/notebooks with graphics, glitter, holographic designs, etc. This can be distracting in a learning environment, and I'd like to give students the opportunity to be the artist for their notebooks!

ITEM	QUANTITY
Glue sticks	3-4
4" x 6" index cards, lined	1 package
Red correcting pencils	3-6
Scissors (5"-7")	1 pair
Notebook paper, wide ruled	2 packages
¼" graph paper	1 package
Colored pencils	1 package
Crayons	1 box
Markers	1 box
Dry erase markers	1 package
Highlighters (multi color pack: yellow, pink green,)	other colors are ok too, but please ensure the listed colors are present
Erasers	2
No. 2 Pencils	3 packages
Pencil top erasers	1 package
Spiral Notebooks (with perforation, 1 subject)	1 red 1 green 1 yellow
Spiral Notebook (with perforation, 5 subject)	1 blue
Folders (2 pockets)	1 red 1 green 1 yellow 1 blue
Pencil Sharpener	1
Box to store personal supplies	1
Hand sanitizer	1 bottle
Kleenex	4 boxes

Throughout the year, wish list items will be posted to the classroom door. This might consist of specialty items/supplies that would be nice in the classroom. Please feel free to check the door for wish list items and donate as you see fit!