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NEW GRADE – NEW FRIENDS

Welcome to Fifth Grade

September is almost here. Mr. Mell's fifth grade students will be entering room 505 soon. Close



sources say that these students are going to have a terrific year. Some of the activities this year include a voyage through the human body, a simulated trip across the country, starting a business, learning how to compose and mix music on the computer, a really cool field trip and much much more. So, get ready to make new friends, learn a lot, and have fun in fifth grade!

What's On-line?

Buckle up! Fifth graders will be traveling down the super information highway this year. Technology plays an important role in learning in our fifth grade classroom. Students will create multimedia projects, use the Internet for research, edit sound, video and more. As a matter of fact, you can even visit our classroom web page now online at:



www.mrmell.com

Keep checking back online for any updates as the school year gets closer!

Hello from Mr. Mell

Hello! My name is Mr. Mell and I am excited to tell you that I will be your fifth grade teacher.



Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My family and I live in Glenville, NY. It is about 25 minutes north of Guilderland. My wife and I spend a lot of our free time playing with our two boys. Our oldest son is 6 years old. His name is Michael ("Mikey"). He is going into first grade this year. Our youngest son is 5 years old. His name is Matthew ("Matty") and he is just starting kindergarten. Both boys are so much fun. I really like being a dad. The rest of my family lives close by me. My wife and brother both have jobs that you might find interesting. My wife is a teacher too! She teaches second grade in Schenectady. My brother is a police officer in Glenville. So, he makes sure that I behave!

I had a few interesting jobs before I became a teacher. When I was in high school I started my own television show for local cable stations called, "Teen Talk." I met many interesting people in our community and from around the world. After high school, I started college in North Carolina and finished back in New York. I then moved to New York City and worked for NBC. I was able to work with many celebrities like David Letterman, Adam Sandler, Mike Myers, Chris Rock, and more. It was a lot of fun!

LOTS TO LEARN

After NBC, I moved back to Schenectady and went to work for General Electric. I helped fixed computers and taught computer courses for people. (By the way, there are many computers in your new classroom!) I eventually left General Electric to become what I always wanted to be. Can you guess what? That's right, a teacher! I love teaching. It's a job where you never stop meeting new people and learning new things.

I am now really looking forward to meeting you and starting a great fifth grade year together!

Interview

Online at www.mrmell.com there is an interview form that I filled out about myself. I would like you to complete the same interview and either email it back to me or bring it on the first day of school so that I will know a little about you too! There is also an interview for your parents. Feel free to also email me over the summer to say hello at mellt@guilderlandschools.org. Don't worry if you don't have Internet access because I would also be happy to give you a copy to bring home and complete on the first day of school.

Supply List

Please gather all of the specific supplies from the list enclosed by the first day of school. We will be using many of the items right away.



Enjoy the rest of your summer!