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Dear Fifth Grade Families,

I'm so excited to start the school year with you as the 5th Grade Math & Science teacher! My name is Mrs. Bailey, and this is my 2nd year here at EPCS, in my 8th year of teaching overall. Math and Science are important subjects for skills that are useful in all areas of life: problem-solving, critical thinking, perseverance, and creativity, just to name a few. My goal is for all students to be challenged, grow, and develop, both academically and personally through our time together.

In Math, we will work through volume, fractions, decimals, multi-digit multiplication and division, and coordinate planes. Multiplication and division fact fluency is so important in fifth grade!

In Science, we will work through the concepts of force and motion, plant and animal life, and earth-space science. Expect hands-on activities and experiments!

When they enter my classroom, students should expect to be challenged, supported, listened to, and encouraged. I expect students to come excited to learn, willing to try hard things, able to take accountability for their choices, and ready to connect with their classmates.

I look forward to connecting with you through our school communication platform on **ClassDojo**. Please make sure you are connected and check regularly for updates, information, and direct messages about your student's day.

A few housekeeping notes to help the start of the school year go as smoothly as possible:

- Our classroom can be chilly! I suggest students bring their EPCS uniform sweater or EPCS uniform sweatshirt every day.
- We will have a short snack time in the morning.

Please reach out with any questions or notes. I can't wait to join together with you this year to support our students in learning, growing, and succeeding!

Warmly,
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