

# Looking Forward to a Great Year!

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

I would like to welcome you and your child to fifth grade! My name is Mrs. Yvonne Marler and I will be your child's fifth grade teacher this year. It is likely that you and I will be spending more time with your child in the upcoming school year than any other adult. Because of this, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you a few things about myself, both personally and professionally.

I live in Wood Dale with my wonderful husband and two beautiful children. I have a son, Jonathan, who just turned 8 and is starting third grade this year. I also have a daughter, Kristina, who is 3 years old. She will be in pre-school this year.

I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University. During those years in school I had the opportunity to work with children ages 3-12. N.I.U. gives their students a unique experience. I was able to student teach in three different grade levels. I student taught in first, second and sixth grade. I also had an extraordinary opportunity to teach outdoor education to fifth and sixth graders. When I finished school I spent some time working with pre-school children and then I began teaching as an Inclusion Aide for a third grade classroom. By that time I knew I was ready for a classroom of my own. I worked at St. Joseph School in Addison as the Kindergarten teacher for four wonderful years. My journey as a teacher did not stop there, I decided to take on the challenges of middle school, and I taught sixth, seventh and eighth grade for four years (sixth grade homeroom). Two years ago I decided to take the road less traveled, and leave behind all that is familiar and certain to begin the next chapter in my life as the fifth grade teacher at Notre Dame. This is my third year here at Notre Dame.

We have so many wonderful things planned for the school year. There is much to be anticipated and perhaps some beginning of the year questions. I am making myself available to answer questions on **Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-11:30**. Feel free to stop by; I would love to meet all of you.

I believe in maintaining a strong home-school connection. I will be sending bi-weekly newsletters to explain all that is happening in fifth grade. I hope that you will contact me whenever you have a question either by calling, sending a note with your child, or e-mail. I know that parents are the most important people in a child's life, and we need to work together for the benefit of your child. I need you to support my academic and discipline efforts here at school. In return, I will keep you informed about all aspects of your child's experiences in the classroom. With school and home working together, I know that each and every student can have a successful school year. I look forward to meeting with you all!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Yvonne Marler

