Hello from Room C-114!

Fifth grade is just around the corner, and I am excited to be your new teacher! I hope you plan to have as much fun this summer as I do. Last summer, I traveled to Montreal, a city in eastern Canada. I hiked and biked and explored. This summer, I am heading to Quebec City, another city in Canada. I will visit Washington, DC to spend time with family. I am sure to complete some house projects before heading to the beach as well in Ocean City, New Jersey. Perhaps you will enjoy the beach this summer too.

As you know, move up day occurred this past June, and you met some of the teachers. I am sure that it will be a challenge waiting until August to find out your teacher's name. I know I will be excited to meet you and learn all about you. During the first week of school, I will be asking you to tell me about yourself and about any exciting things that happened during the summer. I am wondering about *books* that you may have read or the *places* you that you visited or the *activities* that you enjoyed these past two months.

I cannot wait to lead you through your fifth-grade journey this coming year. We will make a lot of new discoveries together. Thanks for gathering some back-to-school supplies. *Do not worry if you do not have everything on the first day.* I will remind everyone again, but we may need to *avoid* peanuts and tree nuts in our classroom. We will talk more about this when we gather at school.

Our first day of school is **Tuesday, September 3**rd. I love to learn and to listen and to laugh! (And, you may have heard, I love to tell stories!) I love books so plan to jump right in with me. It will be important to begin building our reading life together, likely on our first day!!! I look forward to meeting you after Labor Day weekend! Have a great summer vacation!

Sincerely,

Mr. Erik W. Guenst