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Dear Students and Families:

As I began to write this letter it occurred to me that for most of you school is both a distant memory and a prospect far in the future. And although for many of you there are numerous trips to the beach, vacations, and long days spent with friends and families still to come, my thoughts are never far from school. I have been planning an exciting and memorable 6<sup>th</sup> grade experience for each of you.

You will enter my class more 5<sup>th</sup> grader than 6<sup>th</sup> grader and leave ready to take on junior high school. This year we will laugh, study, and open the door to new ideas and skills. Sixth grade is a bridge between elementary school and junior high school; together we will travel across that bridge and when we reach the other side you will be prepared to meet the challenges ahead.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Have a happy and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schlank