Dear Parents,

 Welcome to fifth grade! I wanted to take this time to tell you a few things about myself.

 This will be my 15th year of teaching, and my third in fifth grade overall. I have spent eight years teaching fourth grade and four years teaching sixth. Prior to Monfort, I taught at Browning and Beck elementary schools. Before becoming a teacher, I worked in the public relations field while getting my teaching degree from Wayne State. I am looking forward to getting to know each student, and helping them grow throughout the year.

 I am married with one child – our two-year-old Nicholas. We do have a dog, Shelby, and a handful of fish. Both of my parents worked in public education as well, both of them happily retired from Utica schools.

 Throughout the year, the children will learn many concepts in each of the major curriculum areas. In math (taught by Ms. Paladuk), they will cover subjects including geometry, fractions, and ratios. Science will be mostly using the STEM modules and Discovery Education (an online site) focusing on matter, our planet Earth, and motion. The kits offer many hands-on activities for the students while DiscoverEd offers interactive activities for the children to do. Social studies, which will be taught by Mr. Aquino/Mrs. Knoth next door and will include studies of government and our nation’s history. Reading will focus on fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and retention. All of this reading information can be found online at ConnectEd.mcgraw-hillcom. Writing will cover a few different areas such as writing narrative and expository pieces.

 Each day, our class website will be updated with the daily agenda and other items (such as permission slips, homework links, forms that need to be filled out and returned, etc.). The website can be found at <http://mrkehres.weebly.com>. Also, please remember Curriculum Night will be Thursday, September 20th, starting at 7:00. Thanks, and I know we are going to have a great year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Kehres