Dear Students and Parents of Room 169,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Highcrest Middle School for your 5th grade year. You are entering a fantastic school with energetic teachers that want to help you reach your dreams and goals. If you are little nervous entering 5th grade, you need not be. We will make sure your transition to Highcrest is a smooth one to ensure your success. You are going to be learning a lot of cool things this year as well as meeting new friends and reconnecting with kids you may not have seen this summer.

As for me, my name is Mr. Konicek and I will your homeroom teacher. I will be helping you get acclimated to Highcrest and help you in anyway possible. I have been working at Highcrest for 11 years and a 5th grade teacher for seven of those years. I also coach the 7th grade boy's basketball team at the Wilmette Junior High. During the school year you can find me reffing basketball for the Wilmette Park District and during the summer I am the director of Sports Camp also at Highcrest. As you might have guessed I'm a huge sports fan. My favorite teams are the White Sox, Blackhawks, Bears and Bulls. I grew up in Glenview, and attended DePaul University for undergrad and got my masters from National Louis University. My wife Nikki and I have been married four years and we have a one- year- old son Colin, and currently reside in Ravenswood.

For now enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. Make sure you have your school supplies for the first day of school and get ready for an excellent year. If you have questions now, don't worry everyone does and we will answer them the first

days of school. For other information about our class you can consult our class website at www.wilmette39.org/-konicekk/Welcome.html

See you soon. I am looking forward to a great year!!!

Mr. Konicek