

# 2026-27 Welcome Letter

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> grade student,

If you are receiving this letter, it means you will be spending your 5<sup>th</sup> grade year in my classroom! My name is Mr. Fitzsimmons, but you can call me Mr. Fitz. The 2026-27 school year will be my 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching, 14 of them teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade at EDUPRIZE. My teaching style is a blend of clear expectations, meaningful connections, and a large amount of humor! Not only will this year be special because I will be teaching you, but it will also be a year full of fun, challenges, and personal growth through each day.

Throughout the school year, we will have four science units of study. At EDUPRIZE, we call them Cottages, and they are Physics Foundry, Gene Machine, Planetarium, and American Dream.

In my spare time, I enjoy urban and nature photography, spending time with my one-year-old son and my wife, writing, and reading thriller books. I also have two French Bulldogs, Stella and Diggs, and I love collecting die-cast cars. I am also a big sports fanatic!

## IMPORTANT EAGLE INFO!

**Open House Date:** Monday, July 20, 2026 from 11:30am to 4:00pm

**Recommended Time for Our Class:** 1:00pm to 2:30pm

*Reminder: Please complete the Annual Update via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.*

**Program:** Full Day

**Schedule:** 8:00am to 3:00pm Mon-Thu

8:00am to 11:45am Fridays

- *Students should be on campus, ready to line up 5 minutes prior to the start time listed above.*
- Check [eduprize.com](https://www.eduprize.com) for updates!

**Building #2**

**Room #72      Extension #2720**

**Teacher email address:**

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- *You will receive information regarding carpool and where to line up at Open House.*

**The first day of school is WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026.**

***All students must be on-time and present the entire day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE.***

Google Classroom will act as a planner, where homework due dates and the weekly newsletters will be posted. It will also act as a hub for communicating. More information about Google Classroom will be shared at Open House.

I am thrilled to have you as a member in my classroom, I look forward to getting to know you, and I trust it will be a great year of learning with you in our classroom community.

See you soon,

Mr. Fitzsimmons

## 2026-27 Suggested Supply List

- (5) Oxford letter recycled pocket folders (for each subject: reading, writing, math, science/social studies and a folder to store homework) – each of a different solid color
- (1) pencil box to store supplies
- (1) pair of medium/adult scissors with a pointy tip
- (2) Mead spiral notebook preferably **without** easy-tear pages (70 pages or more) for reading and science
- (1) 250-page spiral notebook for writing
- (1) ruler with inches and centimeters clearly marked
- (1) box of Crayola colored pencils
- (1) box of Crayola old markers
- (1) personal pencil sharpener with shavings catcher
- (1) set of headphones or earbuds for Chromebooks (no wireless headphones)
- (1) box of pre-sharpened no. 2 pencils
- (3) gluesticks
- (1) black Sharpie (fine point)
- (3-5) Expo markers
- (1) stack of post-it notes (3x3) – any color and any quantity

## 2026-27 Optional Items

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| - disinfectant wipes             | - rectangular box of tissues | - hot wheels cars for prize box |
| - paper towels                   | - fidget toys for prize box  | - Rubber erasers                |
| - ream of wide-ruled lined paper |                              |                                 |

## 2026-27 Wish List Items

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| - pencil top erasers                             | - extra black Sharpies                  | - box of pens                               |
| - hand sanitizer                                 | - pack of colored pencils               | - pack of 3x5 index cards                   |
| - extra post-it notes                            | - classroom snacks (crackers, Goldfish) | - 12x18 ream of colorful construction paper |
| - extra Expo markers                             |   |   |
| - Ziploc bags (any size; especially gallon size) | - extra pre-sharpened pencils           | - 12x18 ream of white construction paper    |