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Dear 6th Grader and Parents.

We want to say Hi, and welcome to 6th Grade. In Room 305, <u>we</u> <u>work smarter</u>, <u>not harder</u> like our mascot, the sloth. It's a new school year, in a new building, after a year of remote teaching. I know everyone is anxious and excited about returning to the classroom, including us. We will take things one day at a time and will accomplish great things.

Mr. Szczepanski and I have been working at Nathaniel Hawthorne School #25 for over 15 years. We love our school because we know the kids and the kids know us. I live in the house my family moved into when I was in 9th grade. I have two boys, *CJ* is 32 years old and Evan is 28 years old. Both are paramedics. My 88 year old mother, we call Nana, moved into my home 6 years ago. I have a cockatiel, named Sunny who is 24 years old, two rescued cats named Boots, 5 and Ruby, 4, and two rescue dogs named Peanut, 2 and Penny, 6. They are just working on their therapy license so they can come to school and you can read with them.

They are both little dogs.

Mr. Szczepanski has been married for 17 years and has 5 children. Celia is a junior in High School (11th grade). Twins, Nathan and Jacob, are in 9th grade (freshman) and Charlie and Sophie, also twins, are going into 1st grade. This summer Mr. Szczepanski started kayaking. I can't wait to hear about his adventures.

We have included a supply list on the back of this letter.

See You Soon, Ms. Fendt & Mr. Szczepanski

