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Dear Parents,

*WE ARE HEROES!!!* I am thrilled to be teaching at Lincoln Academy this year. I have taught 3rd and 5th grades, and have been teaching for 11 years. I have a bachelor's and master's in elementary education, as well as many other educational opportunities I have taken in order to continuously improve my teaching. My students are my HEROES. I teach them a hero is an ordinary person who does extraordinary things. Every year, I help children understand that anyone can be a hero, by briefly studying 6 heroes a month. My goal is to help students have a growth mindset and believe in themselves.

I absolutely love teaching the fifth grade curriculum. My passions are history and writing. Fifth grade curriculum is full of stimulating lessons, activities and projects which integrate the Utah State Core and Core Knowledge. We will become history detectives, authors, scientists, explorers, mathematicians, and expert readers. Your child will receive a vast amount of knowledge that will aid them in their future endeavors and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to assist your child in achieving success.

I look forward to watching your child learn and progress in education. I want to give every child an opportunity to discover and expand their skills and abilities. I hope to instill in your child the value of education, expectations and setting goals that will enhance their lives. The importance of classroom procedures and behaviors will be discussed as a class in order to increase the student's awareness of their responsibility to themselves, their peers, and the teacher. As a result, each child will have a sense of belonging and ownership in the classroom.

My goal is to provide a safe and fun learning environment for your child. Each child deserves the best education without feeling threatened by the teacher or other students. My management philosophy includes that of positive reinforcement and teaching the students they have choices to make in which positive or negative consequences can follow. I am an advocate for helping children replace negative behavior with positive behavior. In other words, show them what they can do instead of what they cannot do. I have high expectations for your child, but I will assist your child in reaching those expectations.

I have a website that will be updated each week with what we are learning, assignments, projects, homework, tests, etc. The website will also include my classroom policies and copies of any letters that were sent home to students. The

website is [www.mrscallsfifthgradeheroes.com](http://www.mrscallsfifthgradeheroes.com). Please become familiar with it and check it often. I will be using this website and email as my main outreach to parents.

I am looking forward to meeting you and your child. I hope to continuously learn from every child that enters my classroom each year. It is my hope that we can work together to provide an excellent and productive education for your child. Please feel free to call me to discuss any questions or concerns you might have. You can reach me at [acall@lincoln-academy.org](mailto:acall@lincoln-academy.org). I am always open to new ideas and welcome them freely.

Thank you,

Mrs. Audra Call