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Dear Parents,

Welcome! My name is Yvonne Alvarez, and I will be your child's fifth grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. I am really looking forward to this coming school year as I especially enjoy teaching fifth graders! This will be my twenty-fourth-year teaching. I graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and have lived in Tucson most of my life. I have taught at Robins for the past thirteen years in sixth grade Math/Science, fifth grade, fourth grade and second grade. I would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with some important classroom procedures.

I believe that all students can behave appropriately in the classroom. Since behavior is directly related with how well your child will progress both academically and socially, it is in their best interest that we work together to encourage good behavior.

Homework will be given to your child Monday through Thursday, unless otherwise notified. I will be checking homework daily and it will be a part of the student's rubric score on report card. Please help your child to be successful by encouraging him/her to be responsible in completing homework on a daily basis. Establish good study habits early in the year and your child will be successful in the classroom. I will provide a two pocket folder for homework assignments. I will also provide a homework sheet weekly. It will be the student's responsibility to copy all homework written on the homework board as well as to request homework when absent. Each student will earn a stamp for everyday they turn in their homework. At the end of each week this will determine who is eligible for "Free Choice" on Fridays. Free Choice consists of self-exploration centers; board games, card games, building blocks, manipulatives, and computers. Students should do their best to bring in any required homework, even if it's late. You will be able to monitor if your child has completed and turned in their homework by initialing the homework assignment sheet being sent home daily.

Students may bring in any school materials on the supplies list from our school website. Students may also bring in a bottle for water, since our water fountains can be used to refill bottles.

These items are needed continuously throughout the school year, and you will find them listed on my wish list in my monthly newsletter: hand sanitizer, tissue, clean up wipes, paper towels, and copy paper.

Please feel free to leave me a message at (520) 908-4300 and I will return your call after school. If you need to contact me afterschool hours; my cell number is (520) 548-6629 or you can [email me](#).

Once again, I am looking forward to this school year. I hope to meet all of you and I am absolutely certain this will be a successful year! Please let me know if you would like to discuss any concerns. Thank you, in advance for any donations you're able to contribute to our classroom, now and throughout the school year.