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Greetings to My New Mead Family!

I hope this note finds all of you enjoying a fantastic and fun filled summer with family and friends. My name is Casey Medlock and I am super excited to share an upcoming school year with your 4th grade student as well as each of you.

As your new teacher (as well as being new to Mead Elementary), I look forward to getting to know each student and their families. As far as myself, I will be entering into my nineteenth year of education. I received my undergraduate degree in education from Azusa Pacific University (APU) and a master's degree in supervision and leadership from University of Phoenix. I have had the distinct opportunity to serve within all levels of education, with elementary being my greatest love. Prior to joining the Mead family of teaching staff, I taught 5th grade at Fall River Elementary for the past six years. I additionally was privileged enough to be able to run the robotics program at FRES.

I will be celebrating my eighteenth year of marriage to my amazing wife, Carrie, whom also is a teacher of high school business and marketing classes. She and I met while attending APU and she is a much better surfer than I! We have two boys, Sean who attends Mead Middle and Blake who will be joining us at MES. I was lucky enough to have had Sean as a student in 5th grade, and now he has to put up with me keeping an eye on him even longer (poor guy!). Both boys are energetic ones and definitely keep us busy with transporting them to their various events.

Please be thinking, in the meantime, of ways that you may be interested in joining us within the classroom. I absolutely welcome parents that are interested in serving within reading and math enrichment or support groups. I will be letting parents know what this will look like as we get moving with the school year.

Please be sure to additionally have your student take digital photos of events from their summer and save them within Google Drive (students can access their Google Drive accounts at ceran.svvsd.org) or on a thumb drive. I like to offer a get to know you project at the beginning of the year where students create a digital presentation about themselves, their families and their summer fun. Please do your best to continue with reading and practicing multiplication/division math facts throughout the summer as well. Studies show that student transitions between grade levels run much smoother with such summer practices. IXL, Khan Academy, Woot Math, IReady are all good resources that I utilize within the classroom.

I greatly value building solid working relationships with my students and their families. As part of this, I hope to build individualized instructional supports for all levels of learning. That is, what works for one student, may yet need a different approach for another. I anticipate working together with each of you to develop the best fit for your student.

Please do take a moment to touch base via email if you have any questions or needs. This includes myself showing up to the various community events and activities. Please feel free to send me an invite if interested, yet I can't promise that I won't run out on the field and give your student a high five or stand up and wave while at a piano recital :)

I wish each of you a blessed remainder of your summer. May we look forward to a fantastic year of amazing growth and fun for learning!

Appreciatively,

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