



Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to a new and exciting school year at Ramona Junior High! My name is John Ruiz, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be your Math and Science teacher for grade 8. I am looking forward to a year full of learning, growth, and exploration.

**About Me:** I come to you with 15 years of teaching experience. I graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a Master's degree in special education, and from Claremont Graduate University with a Master's degree in teaching. I have been dedicated to inspiring students just like you. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, collecting coins and reading, which I hope to share with you throughout our time together.

**My Teaching Philosophy:** I believe that every student has the potential to bring something unique and special to the world. I will assist you in discovering your own strengths and will help you to develop those strengths. My classroom is a place of respect and inclusion, where every student is encouraged to share their ideas and questions.

**This Year's Goals:** My goal is to ensure that each of you feels challenged, supported, and excited to learn every day. We will use a variety of activities and strategies to cater to all learning styles.

**For Parents:** I view a successful education as a partnership between the teacher, students, and parents. I am looking forward to working with you to ensure the best possible experience for your child. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns!

**Let's Get Started:** I can't wait to meet each of you in person. Our first day of school is on August 5, and I hope to see all of you there ready to start a fantastic school year together!

Warm regards,

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