## **Greetings:**

Welcome to our end of year and end of celebration: This Underwood's fifth grade class continues to exemplify our school's mission. The students have been provided a relevant and engaging education that has taught the students to be collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers. Their efforts and work through their elementary career; especially with the many changes in their learning environment, rules and procedures that created different challenges has been extraordinary! This group of students has shown the power of Underwood's tagline-#smallschoolBIGtalent! We are so proud of each and every one of the fifth grade students.

Now we are going to share our end of the year slideshow. Each student was given the tasks of completing their slide. Some of the hopes of the slides were to have a k or Pre-K picture and then a current picture. They also had the opportunity to find a quote that spoke to them or a memory of Underwood. We also try to add pictures from this school year and pictures from the last five years. Your child's slide is in their google drive so they would be able to share that with you and I will share the link of the video to the fifth grade teachers and they can share it with you all.

#### After the Slideshow

Wow! That shows the students creativity and personality! Our mission at Underwood Elementary is to graduate students that are creative, effective communicators, collaborative and critical thinkers.

Mrs. Frasier's Second-Third Grade Dance Ensemble wanted to share their dance that is inspired by Students in our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade dance ensemble spent their time together this last quarter exploring themes of childhood, playfulness, and what it means to be connected to each other and the planet Earth. Together, they created the piece they'll share with you tonight, "Sweet Child of Mine." Fifth grade parents, they hope that as you watch this work, you'll see in them memories of your own sweet child over their elementary school career.

### Certificates

This class of 2024 showcases these qualities and are prepared for their next challenge in their learning. As Dr. Seuss says,""You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go…". It's up to you". We want to take a moment to recognize each student in fifth grade that has earned their certification of completion of Underwood Elementary. Each classroom teacher will call the students names and present them with their certificate

## **Closing Remarks**

As I close, I leave them this advice-

To end the presentation, I want to leave our 2023 5th grade class (Class of 2030) with this - work to become a better you. Don't seek perfection, it doesn't exist. Learn from your mistakes, because you are going to make some, but it is important to not make the same mistake twice. Don't be afraid to FAIL - as Fail is the first attempt in learning. Most great things have happened through perseverance and trying again ... .so you continue to work for a better you and make the world a better place then it is now as you are our future and we will be depending on you. So continue to improve as a person and use the tools that you have learned at North Ridge to better the world with your gifts and talents.

# Parents, I present to you the class of 2030!

That concludes our presentation, we are going to have the students exit out to the outside of the building to take photos and celebrate with their families. We do ask that you exit the school so we can make sure that we are able to come back in the future. If your family would like to go back to Underwood and take photos, please feel free to do so. We are so proud of your hard work. Remember tomorrow the fifth graders team and families have organized a picnic at Roanoke Park from 1-3. Lunch will be provided

to the students, parents will need to provide lunch. Students will also be presented with their fun 5th grade gift of a class t-shirt.