## Dear MACS 5th Grade Families,

Welcome to fifth grade at MicroSociety Academy Charter School! My name is Mike Mandeville, and I am so excited to get to know you and your child this year.

First, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I graduated from Plymouth State University with a degree in Elementary Education. I taught first and fourth grade here at MACS several years ago, and after two years of teaching in Spain, I returned to MACS in 2024 to teach 5th grade. Building meaningful relationships with every student is a top priority in my teaching philosophy, as a student can't be successful if they don't feel welcome or comfortable. I also value having a strong classroom community. These students will be together for a whole year, so it's important they know and understand each other's differences. I believe that creating meaningful, relevant learning experiences through hands-on activities is the best way to ensure successful learning. This is something that is also at the core of the MACS mission statement.

The most efficient way for you to contact me throughout the school year is by email at <a href="mailto:mmandeville@macsnh.org">mmandeville@macsnh.org</a>. At your earliest convenience, please email me with your name, your child's name, and your preferred form of contact, as well as any questions you might have. This is also an excellent opportunity for you to share with me anything about your child that you think would be helpful for me to know before the school year begins.

I look forward to getting to know you and your students better over the course of this exciting year!

Sincerely,

Mike Mandeville (Mr. Man)