

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year!

I hope that your summer has been terrific and that you are ready for an awesome year together!

A little bit about me...I have my bachelor's degree in Psychology from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon and my Master of Education from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. I have taught second grade, fourth grade, and fifth grade. When I'm not in the classroom, you'll find me spending time with my husband Ryan, our two sons (Liam, 17 and Owen, 14), and our three miniature dachshunds - Lucy, Fergus, and Enzo!

You should know that I absolutely LOVE being a teacher. It is truly the best job in the world. I believe that one of the most important aspects of my job is to teach children how to be thinkers and problem solvers. Being curious and asking questions is a huge part of that process. You will find that wondering, questioning, and engaging in self-reflection are central focuses of our classroom. Throughout the year we'll also be using the Design Thinking Process to help guide us through investigating problems and prototyping solutions. Click [here](#) to see a great video that explains more about the Design Thinking Process!



I teach math and science to all 5th grade students. My amazing teaching partner, Ms. Emmy Moore, teaches literature/ELA and social studies. We love that we both get to know all of the 5th graders regardless of their homeroom!

I hope to meet all of you at the Open House on Thursday, August 20th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. You are welcome to bring school supplies at that time or wait until the first day of school.

I am so excited for our year together! Thank you for entrusting your children to me. I look forward to partnering together to make it an outstanding year!

Kind regards,
Mrs. Olivia DeJana