Welcome to 5th grade and the 2024-2025 school year! I can't wait to get to know all of you, but first, here are a few things you should know about me.

I was born and raised here in Colorado and there is so much I love about our beautiful state. I enjoy running, doing yoga, and spending time with my family and friends. Additionally, I am a lover of reading and spend a lot of time reading both for personal and professional enjoyment.

I graduated from Arapahoe High School and am very excited to be teaching in Littleton Public Schools. My journey to teaching began at CU- Boulder where I studied psychology and education. Upon graduating from CU I completed my student teaching in Jefferson County and continued into my first year teaching the 5th grade in Fort Morgan, Colorado. I then moved back to the Denver area and taught 5th grade at Gold Rush Elementary for six years. During my time teaching at Gold Rush I got my Master's Degree in Reading and Literacy from Walden University.

This will be my sixth year teaching in Littleton Public Schools and I am grateful to be a part of the Gudy Gaskill community. 5th grade is an exciting time filled with many engaging learning opportunities. I have great expectations for each and every student and know that this will be a successful and exciting year. I am looking forward to what the year holds and I am very ready to get our school year started off on the right foot. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at <u>klautenbach@lps.k12.co.us</u>.

