

Welcome to your child's 5th grade year at Iron Springs Elementary. We are so excited to get to know each of the 5th grade students as we will be team teaching throughout the year. We believe that what happens during this school year will affect your child's future. Your child's time here will be well spent. He or she may even come home exhausted from all the thinking done during the day, especially in the first few weeks; we'll make every minute count.

During the year, each teacher will specialize in a certain part of the core curriculum and will teach it to all four classes 4 days a week! We believe that as we specialize in one specific content area, we will be able to teach to a deeper level of understanding instead of just skimming the surface of so MANY different subjects. In addition to these core specific subjects, each teacher will also be teaching math to their own classes. Following is a brief introduction to what each teacher will be teaching and their approach to teaching it! We look forward to a great year as we get to know each of you! On the back is a list of suggested supplies your student will use during the school year. Please sign up for REMIND to get daily updates on individual class information at REMIND at www.remind.com, and visit class websites to get familiar with the teachers.

Hi! My name is Kim Almond and I'll be your child's Social Studies teacher this year! I couldn't be more thrilled about the journey we will be embarking on as we take a "Road Trip" through the history of this great country and learn what we can from the people who made it what it is. To quote my favorite historian, David McCullough he said, "History shows us what choices there are. History is-or should be-the bedrock of patriotism, not the chest-pounding kind of patriotism but the real thing, love of country. At their core, the lessons of history are lessons of appreciation. Everything we have, all our great institutions, our laws, our music, art and poetry, our freedoms, everything is because somebody went before us and did the hard work, provided the creative energy, faced the storms, made the sacrifices, kept the faith." My goal is to have your child appreciate all that came before them so they can pave the way for those coming after them. So, "Buckle-up" you cute little 5th grader. It's going to be an unforgettable ride!

Welcome to fifth grade! My name is LeAnn Atwood and I will be your child's language arts teacher this year. I am so excited to be able to help your child become a proficient writer, as well as to develop a deeper understanding of the English language and its conventions using the CKLA program. We will be writing in a variety of different formats this year and will use many different strategies to help us successfully do so. By the end of fifth grade, your child will have a solid understanding of narrative, opinion, and informative writing. With hard work, a good attitude, and the right amount of effort, your child will be prepared and confident for sixth grade by the end of the school year. I am looking forward to seeing your child's creativity and personality shine through his/her writing as I see him/her grow and progress as a writer. This is going to be a fun and exciting year! I can't wait to get started on this journey.

Hi, my name is Cheri Mitchell and I will be your reading teacher this year. I am excited to help each 5th grade student become a strong and more confident reader. We will continue to learn from the district adopted CKLA Amplify Program. This program is a current, research based, language arts program that teaches reading skills and strategies to help improve your reading ability. You will learn to read from content rich informational and narrative text and will be learning about history and the world you live in through well written historical, scientific, and arts related stories and articles. This program is not easy, so be prepared to work hard because you will learn a lot from it. New this year is the amount of work we will complete on computers. It will be helpful to have access to internet and a computer to complete computer based homework this year.

We will also complete a book challenge. 5th graders your challenge is to read 30 books from 11 different genres and keep track of the books throughout the year. You will have a notebook containing all the information you need to be successful at this. The chapter book count begins on the first day of school. During the summer, I encourage you to read for entertainment as well as from the battle of the books list. You will find information about the book challenge on the class website at

Hello, my name is Tim Roberts and I will be your child's science teacher this year. I am excited to be working with the students in the topics of chemical and physical changes, the earth's surface, electricity, magnetism, and heredity. I believe the students will really appreciate and enjoy learning about these topics this year. The students will be doing a lot of exploring,

experimenting, and observing in these areas, which will deepen their love and understanding for science. This year we will also be taking a field trip to see some of the aspects of the earth's surface in our beautiful outdoors.

Suggested School Supply List

Math	Language Arts	Reading	Science	Social Studies	General Classroom
<p>1 graph paper Composition notebook</p> <p>(*note taking and working out problems)</p>	<p>1 Composition Notebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vocabulary - Spelling - writing 	<p>Post it notes</p> <p>Highlighters - (four colors)</p> <p>Books to read</p>	<p>1 Composition Notebook</p> <p>(glue stick, scissors, coloring pencils, etc. in pencil box to carry from class to class)</p>	<p>1 Composition Notebook</p> <p>Fine tip Sharpie Pen (blue or black)</p> <p>Colored Pencils (Twistables are worth the investment)</p>	<p><u>Personal</u></p> <p>Backpack Pencil box Pencils (1 per week) or Mechanical Pencils Pencil sharpener Erasers Glue Sharpie 2- Folders (unfinished work/ filing) 1 - One inch 3 ring binder With dividers (30 book challenge, Patriot Award, data folder) Personal Earbuds for Computers (optional)</p> <p><u>Classroom</u></p> <p>baby wipes/antibacterial wipes (for desk cleaning) Dry erase markers Boxes of Tissues</p> <p><u>Home</u></p> <p>Students will use Chromebooks at school and will need internet, and computer to access Canvas and Google Docs for homework</p>

July 20, 2017

Hello Student and Parents,

Oh man, I can't believe my summer is almost over! Can you believe that school is just around the corner? With that being said, I am so excited for this new school year. Our class is going to be amazing!

My family and I have been in Cedar City for eleven years now. Before that, we lived in California. There I taught 4th grade for 9 years. Before that, we lived in Orem where my wife and I both graduated from BYU. We have four children. Taylor is in the post high program at Cedar High. Ashlee is on a mission in Florida. Lindsey is in 10th. Breanna is in 8th. And, maybe in the near future, we'll get a dog. I can't say a cat because my wife hates cats.

Some of my hobbies include writing, running, hiking, golfing, fly fishing, and enjoying the outdoors. And, I'm happy to say that I was able to do all of those this summer.

I welcome parent volunteers. We will need help with field trips and class parties and if you are interested in helping in the classroom, just let me know. Also, let me know if you would like to be in charge of heading up the parties.

This year, the students will receive homework assignments from their subject teacher. They will also receive Math homework that will be due each day.

I would like to get your email address (Parents) either now or at Back to School. You can email that to me at: tim.roberts@ironmail.org. I would like to have a mailing list that I can email you notes periodically. Thanks. For those who don't have an email, I will still send home notes. Also, I have a class webpage that is updated with homework assignments, news, upcoming events, along with a lot of other helpful information to make this year a success. Our class webpage is:
<https://sites.google.com/ironmail.org/robertsise5th>

On the other page in this packet is a suggested list of supplies the students may bring.

Again, I look forward to having a great year with you. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mr. Roberts