

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 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 you to have access to the internet and a computer to complete computer based homework this school year. We will be using Google Docs, Canvas, Go Math, and other computer based programs.

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
1 ream of lined paper OR 1 ream of printer paper (not both)	1 Composition Notebook - vocabulary - Spelling - writing	Post it notes Highlighters - (four colors) Books to read	1 Composition Notebook (glue stick, scissors, coloring pencils, etc. in pencil box to carry from class to class)	1 Composition Notebook Fine tip Sharpie Pen (blue or black) Colored Pencils (Twistables are worth the investment)	<p><u>Personal Use</u> Backpack Pencil box Pencils (1 per week) or Mechanical Pencils Pencil sharpener Erasers Glue Sharpie 2- Folders (unfinished work/ home folder) 1 - One inch 3 ring binder With dividers (Patriot Award, data folder) Personal Earbuds for Computers (optional)</p> <p><u>For Classroom</u> Antibacterial wipes (for desk cleaning) Dry erase markers Boxes of Tissues</p> <p><u>At Home</u> Students will use Chromebooks at school and will need internet, and computer to access Canvas and Google Docs for homework</p>

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Baker and Levin, 1997.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

MEET THE TEACHER!

Mrs. Chelsea Stratton

The Basics!



Hi! My Name is Mrs. Chelsea Stratton! I am 25 years old! I live in Cedar City with my husband Jared & our dog Ruger. Pretty soon our baby boy will be joining us. I enjoy being outdoors and spending time with loved ones. I will be your child's 5th grade Math/Homeroom teacher for the 2017-2018 school year! This will be my 5th year teaching & my first year at Iron Springs Elementary. I can't wait for an amazing year!



MY CHILDHOOD!

I grew up in here in Cedar City where I attended North Elementary for Kindergarten through 4th grade. I then attended Cross Hollows and CMS high for 5th-8th grade before graduating from Cedar High School in 2010.

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MY FAVORITES!

Food: Mashed Potatoes
Movie: The Jungle Book
Book: Number the Stars
Color: Yellow
Drink: Sprite
Season: Fall
Sports: Baseball & Soccer
Fast Food: Brads
Singer: Garth Brooks
Hobby: Crafts
Subject: Math
Store: Target
Dessert: Cheesecake
Candy: Reese's
Restaurant: Lupita's
Flower: Tulips

MY EDUCATION!

SUU
SOUTHERN
UTAH
UNIVERSITY

In May of 2012, I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education from Southern Utah University. I am currently in the process of getting my English as a Second Language endorsement.

CONTACT ME!

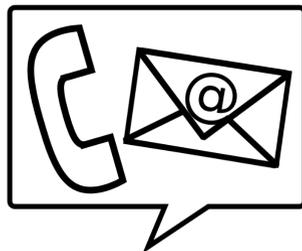
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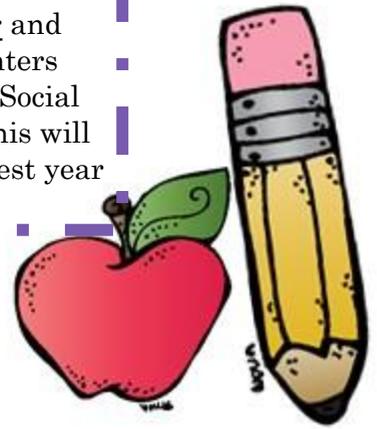
MEET THE TEACHER!

Mrs. Kim Almond

The Basics!



Hi! My Name is Mrs. Kimberlee Almond! I am 45 years young! I live in Cedar City with my husband, Dennis, and our 15 year-old son, Jaxxon. I enjoy traveling & being with friends and family. I have three grown and married kids (Dyllan and Sally, Connor and McKenzie, Madisson and Richard) and three granddaughters (Adallyn, Charli and Tylee). I will be your child's 5th grade Social Studies/Homeroom teacher for the 2017-2018 school year! This will be my 14th year teaching & I am so excited to make this my best year yet!



MY CHILDHOOD!

I grew up West Valley City, Utah where I attended Robert Frost Elementary for Kindergarten through 6th grade. I then attended Valley Junior High for 7th-9th grade before graduating from Granger High School in 1990. I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers and was born to the best parents a girl could ask for! Dennis and I moved our family to Cedar in 1996 when he was recruited to come work for MetalCraft.



MY FAVORITES!

Food: Mexican
Movie: Field of Dreams
Book: Harry Potter
Color: Red and Orange
Drink: Diet PEPSI
Season: Summer
Sports: Baseball & Football
Fast Food: Costa Vida
Singer: Kenny Chesney
Hobby: Reading, Biking, Boating
Subject: Social Studies
Store: Maurices
Dessert: Chocolate-Oreo Shake
Candy: Whatchamacallit
Restaurant: Lupita's
Flower: Lilacs and Sunflowers

MY EDUCATION!

In May of 2003, I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education and a Minor in Interpersonal Communication as well as a Math endorsement from SUU. I taught pre-school for 3 years. I also was an aide in Special Education for one year. Like all teachers, we are lifelong learners and we take classes all the time to keep up on the latest and greatest!



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