

May 2025

Dear families,

Welcome to fifth grade. We are so excited to meet you all, but in the meantime we'd like to tell you a little about us.

Your child's teachers will be:

5th grade Math- Mr. Helmick

6th grade Math walk up- Mrs. Lare

5th grade ELA- Mrs. Reichard

5th grade Science and Social Studies- Mrs. Wyatt

SAGE ELA - Mrs. Kujan

### **Mr. Helmick**

I am looking forward to being your child's Math teacher this year at Inspiration Mountain! I am going into my 14th year of teaching and most of my career has been teaching 5th grade math. I know that many students do not enjoy math, but my job is to build the confidence in each student to know that they can do anything they put their mind to. I am also the Co-Drama Club sponsor. This is the year that your student can audition for and be in the musical. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends or going to the theatre. I am honored to have been named one of the 2024-2025 DVUSD Teacher of the Year.

### **Mrs. Reichard**

I am looking forward to being your child's ELA teacher at the very best school, Inspiration Mountain! I have been a teacher for 18 years. Most of my career I have worked in 5th grade. This school year we will have so much fun together reading new books, expanding our knowledge and becoming better writers. In my free time you can find me reading a book, doing all kinds of crafts, or walking my dogs.

**Mrs. Wyatt**

I'm thrilled to be your child's Science and Social Studies teacher this year! It's truly an honor to be part of the amazing team at Inspiration Mountain. This marks my 21st year in education, and I'm as excited as ever to help make this school year fun, meaningful, and successful for every student. In our classroom, students will be encouraged to explore new ideas with curiosity and a positive mindset. I have high expectations and great confidence in what they can achieve. I can't wait to share my love of learning with your child and watch them grow. A little about me—I'm married with two grown children. Outside the classroom, I enjoy hiking, kayaking, photography, and caring for my ever-growing collection of succulents. I'm also a big fan of the Denver Broncos and the Oregon Ducks—something your kids will definitely learn during football season! Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

**Mrs. Lare**

I'm thrilled to be moving up to 6th grade math this school year. This year marks my 15th year teaching in the DVUSD district. My goal is to continue to support my students in math in ways that will promote a positive mindset while building a Thinking Classroom this school year.

**Mrs. Kujan**

Hello 5th-grade families! I am the Gifted Specialist here at Inspiration Mountain. This year brings an exciting change, instead of SPARK Enrichment for 5th grade, I have the wonderful opportunity to teach SAGE ELA. This is a special language arts program designed for gifted students who scored at or above the 97th percentile in the verbal areas of a state-approved gifted assessment. You can learn more about the program by visiting the [DVUSD Gifted Services website](#). I am looking forward to an amazing year of learning, creativity, and growth!