

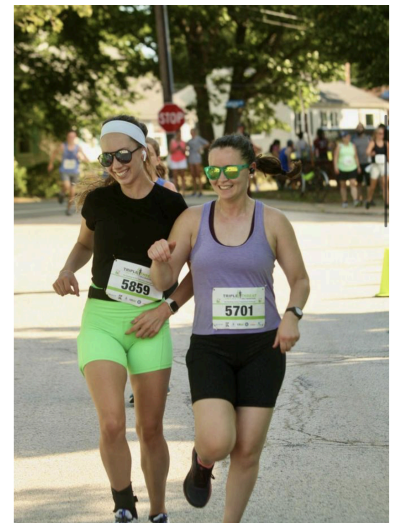
About Ms. Geer

My name is Kelsey, however my students call me Ms. Geer or Ms. Kelsey (either is fine with me). I grew up in the beautiful city of Keene, New Hampshire but moved to this area when I began attending college at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In 2018, I graduated and earned 2 Bachelors degrees, one in Communication Disorders (speech, language, and hearing disorders) and the other in Linguistics. In addition I also earned minors in Education and Psychology. From there, I received my Masters of Education in Elementary Education in 2019. While that may seem like a modge-podge of different areas of study, I can say with certainty that each of my different backgrounds helps me teach all types of students with many different angles and approaches. My educational background has definitely played a huge role in what led me to teaching 4th grade, but it is only a sliver of what led me to the world of Pelham.



Pelham community.

Although this is my seventh year teaching 4th grade at Pelham Elementary, I have been in this school for over 11 years doing all sorts of other jobs! When I wasn't busy in college classes or doing homework, I spent almost all of my time at Pelham or in Pelham family homes. From after-school, substituting, babysitting, to student teaching and more, it is likely that you have seen my face before or may have known me for quite some time. Becoming a teacher at Pelham Elementary has been the best decision I have ever made thanks to the love and support from the





When I'm not teaching...

- I'm training for marathons! I was convinced by a few other Pelham staff members that running marathons would be fun, and because of this, I'm now spending countless hours every week running on The Rail Trail. If you ever see me, please share some water or a cookie with me!

- I am a home chef. I am often found baking or cooking in my kitchen, leaving a trail of crumbs and flour along the way. I might be a messy chef, but that's half of the fun anyway!

- I'm a caretaker to 2 family members back in New Hampshire, so I often try to go home as much as possible. Within my family, I have a 31 year old sister with non-verbal Down syndrome, so going home helps me stay fluent with my American Sign Language.

- I'm trying to learn how to raise cats! I adopted a 5 year old cat two summers ago after only ever having dogs my whole life. Her name is Toodles(left) and she is obsessed with the twisty-ties that come on bread bags, and she loves the bathtub. I then decided she needed a sibling, so I adopted a newborn kitten last year (originally named Francine...but to my surprise, he was a boy, so now he's known as Fran(right)). He is the calmest kitten EVER!

- I'm reading biographies and autobiographies! I truly cannot get enough of learning about other people's lives and all of the obstacles and fun people go through to become the personas we know them as. Right now, I'm reading a book called "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls.

When I was in 4th grade...

- I loved everything about dance. I took ballet, hip hop, jazz, modern, tap, and anything else that my local studio had to offer.
- I was into horseback riding and even had a miniature pony named spice (named after my love for the Spice Girls).
- I moved to another new school in Keene, NH. This was my 3rd and final elementary school! I'm no stranger to being the new kid.
- I felt very confident in math but had a lot of anxiety around reading, writing, and spelling. 4th grade was the first year I finally told a teacher I was struggling, and it made SUCH a difference for all the years that followed. However it wasn't until I was 17 that someone figured out I had dyslexia!
- I started learning Spanish and how to play the saxophone. I ended up sticking with Spanish over the years, but not the saxophone.
- My family got a dog, Carmel, who helped me get over my fear of dogs! I now can't imagine life without one and thankfully Pelham has a new therapy dog program this year!

