

April 29, 2021

Dear Future 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student,

I am so excited to be your homeroom teacher for the coming school year! Science is my favorite subject to teach, and I am looking forward to making new discoveries with you.

Maybe you're eager to learn about me? Well, I grew up in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, but I have lived in Montana most of my adult life. I started out fighting fires for the U.S. Forest Service in the western states, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Montana. (Go Griz!) I decided to become a teacher and returned to the University of Montana to earn my Master of Education degree. I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Seeley Lake for nine years, where I took students on outdoor education field trips and taught them how to cross country ski! I joined the Frenchtown family last year as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and it has been great. I would say my favorite part about teaching is helping students grow their confidence, and to see their smiles when they feel successful.

Although teaching is a big part of my life, traveling is another passion of mine. I've been all around the world, including countries in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Australia/South Pacific. On many of those trips, I traveled alone and I loved it. I can speak Spanish well and would love to teach you some Spanish, too! When I'm not teaching or traveling, I enjoy cross-country skiing, snowboarding, hiking, mountain biking, and spending time with family and friends.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you. I hope you have a great summer, and don't forget to keep your mind sharp by spending time reading. I encourage you to get outside and explore, and ask questions about the world around you, just like a good scientist does!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelsi Luhnow".

Ms. Luhnow