

Dear Parents and Students,

I am so excited to have this opportunity to teach 5th grade here at Arches Academy. My name is Cammie Thorson and I will be your child's teacher this coming year. "Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning." I absolutely love to learn and teach. It is my goal to create a classroom environment where my students feel safe to learn and grow throughout the school year.



I was born and raised here in Utah. I absolutely love living in Utah. I love the mountains where I can hike, camp, and snowboard. I also love Bear Lake where my family vacations every summer to camp and jet ski. I have a wonderful husband of 21 years, 6 beautiful children, and a wonderful daughter-in-law. Music is also a big part of our life. I have played the violin most of my life and my children play competitive piano. I graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. I have taught in and out of the public school system for over 20 years in many different forms such as public classroom, tutoring in person and online, and homeschooling.

This year our classroom theme will be GRIT: **G**ive it your all, **R**edo if necessary, **I**gnore the urge to quit, and **T**ake time to do it right. With this theme, students will set reasonable goals they want to work on for the year and I will help them achieve each one of these goals with them taking as much ownership as possible. Some of the topics we will be learning about are United States Geography where we will paint the US map on the asphalt and start getting ready for Hope of America. We will also be learning about Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream and watching the play with a