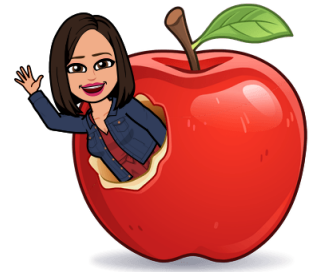


September 3rd, 2021

Dear 5B Students and Families,

My name is Ms. Kate Bakamis and I'm so excited to welcome you and your child to 5th grade! We are going to have a wonderful year together full of learning, fun, and adventures. I cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us!



Here is a little information about me! I grew up on Capitol Hill in Seattle before moving to Arizona for college. I earned my Bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. I moved back to Seattle and decided to follow my passion for working with children and became a teacher! In 2016, I graduated with my Master's in Teaching from Seattle University. When I am not teaching, you can usually find me rooting on the ASU Sun Devils, Seahawks, Seattle Storm, Mariners, or Sounders. I also love knitting, reading books, anything creative & craft, or travelling!

This is my sixth year teaching 5th grade at St. Luke School. Before that, I was an instructional assistant in second & third grade at St. George elementary school in Seattle. I LOVE teaching and working with students of all ages! My goal as a teacher is to instill a lifelong love for learning. I also love celebrating the unique gifts that each child brings to the classroom. Therefore, I make it my mission to build a classroom community filled with kindness, compassion, and respect for all.

We hope you are ready for a year of FUN and LEARNING. It is our hope that this year at St. Luke will be your best year yet! We hope you're ready to laugh, play games, and learn all sorts of new things! We are truly looking forward to spending this year with your student and getting to know your family better. Each one of you brings **JOY** to our classroom and we look forward to **BUILDING A WORLD OF JOY** with you this year. Please feel free to contact me via email at kbakamis@stlukeshoreline.org with any questions. I cannot wait to meet you at **Meet & Greet on Tuesday, Sept. 7th from 8:00 am - 12:00 am!**

*Sincerely,
Ms. Bakamis*

