

Dear Students (and Families),

Hello! My name is Laura Kinunen and I will be your fifth-grade teacher. I have been a classroom teacher for seven years. I have a five-year-old daughter named Lulu, who also attends Houghtaling Elementary. Some of my favorite activities are hiking, biking, running, crafting, cooking, and dancing. I grew up in Ketchikan, just like many of you.

We have a busy year ahead of us! Besides learning about one another, we'll explore the history of the United States, conduct scientific experiments, design and build projects, meet in literature circles, multiply and divide fractions and decimals, make art, and write about all the things you wonder, notice, and learn along the way.

To prepare yourself for fifth grade, practice and know your multiplication facts inside and out!!! And read: read, read, read! The Ketchikan Public Library has an awesome reading program, and even awards prizes! The library has a list of next year's Battle Books. Check it out!

Summer activities are just as important as academic activities – take full advantage of your time away from school. Go for hikes, ride a bike, explore the beach, grab a pole and go fishing! Play outside with friends, strategize and solve problems, experiment and ask questions, challenge yourself to do something difficult; let curiosity lead you. Ask why and how. I want to hear all about it when school begins.

I look forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

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SUPPLIES:

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| 2 packs of #2 pencils | Markers (NOT classic colors) |
| Pink erasers (about 4) | Handheld pencil sharpener |
| Scissors | Large glue sticks (pack of 3-6) |
| Elmer's glue | Tissues |
| Composition notebook | Band Aids |
| Headphones/earbuds | 2 large packaged snacks to share |
| Sharpies | |
| Just right BOOK for independent reading | |

Most supplies will be shared. Please focus on the list on the left if money is a concern