Hello, Fifth Graders & Families!

I hope you are experiencing all the joys of summertime with your family and friends. My name is Jana Dietrich and I will be your teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. This will be my fourth year working as a 5th grade teacher at Saint George's. I received my master's in education and taught sixth grade for eight years before moving to SGS. I am super excited for the upcoming school year. We are going to have a wonderful year full of learning, 5th grade traditions, trips, and projects. When school starts, we'll get the chance to share our summer experiences with one another and come together as a classroom. I can't wait to begin!

Students were given summer work ideas/challenges and the assignment to read *Way of the Warrior Kid,* as outlined in the packet that was sent home at the end of the school year. If you are new to SGS this year, you will receive these items from Tami Peplinski, Saint George's Admissions Director. Please be working on something from the given resources in your downtime this summer. Consider 15-30 minutes of work several days each week to continue reviewing and building skills. Research suggests that this will best prepare students to return to school with minimal "summer slide".

Here are a few dates to remember:

8/25: Lower School Meet & Greet 3:00-4:00 pm. Drop in to see your classroom, meet your teachers and classmates, and bring any school supplies.

8/26: First Day of classes at the Lower School (Classroom doors open at 8:15 am, school starts promptly at 8:25 am)

8/28: K-12 Dragon Dance 2:15-3:00: Families are invited to come watch this SGS traditional event.

9/3: Lower School Back to School Night 6:30-8:00 pm Parents are invited to come meet the teachers and learn more about the curriculum.

9/4: Fifth Grade Float down the Little Spokane River Students will canoe down the river from campus and hike back to school from Painted Rocks.

12/17: Lower School Winter Concert

5/14/27: Fifth Grade Musical, 10am & 7pm

5/28/27: Fifth Grade Recognition & Art Exhibition

Please reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year. Until then, stay cool and enjoy travel, family, and relaxation!

Sincerely,
Jana Dietrich