

Hello and Welcome to 5th Grade!



My name is Rachel Patterson and I am so excited to be a fifth grade teacher this year at United! This will be my third year teaching at United. I have been teaching sixth grade for the past two years, and look forward to the opportunity to learn what fifth grade is all about right alongside you!

I have two Bachelor's degrees: a BA in Psychology from Coe College, and a BA in Elementary Education from Upper Iowa University, where I also earned my Reading endorsement. This means that as a teacher, I am passionate about BOOKS and Social Emotional Learning.

I live in Ames, Iowa with my fiancé Ian and our three pets: a dog named Louie, and two cats named

Martin and Lillian. We are getting married in September of this year, so I will be changing my name to **Mrs Anderson** after the wedding!

I love to paint and crochet, creating gifts for people I love! I also love to read and always set a goal for how many new books I can read in a year! This year, I'm going to blow that goal out of the water!

In my classroom, it is so important for every student to have a voice and an opportunity to grow. We focus on learning to be responsible for one's own learning and creating a classroom environment where mistakes are welcome and we all embrace the power of YET! If we don't know something, we just don't know it YET!

I am so looking forward to our year together! Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have!

Sincerely,

Ms Patterson