Welcome to second grade! I look forward to an amazing year with you and your child. Each morning, I wake up and am excited to come to school. I am even more excited to spend another year with your child.

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This is my nineteenth year teaching. I have taught First grade for 9 years, Kindergarten for 9 years and I dipped my toes in Fourth grade for a year. I am starting my fourth year at Gavilan Peak School. I am excited to continue to be a part of such a great school and community. Previously, I taught in Washington State for 15 years before moving to Arizona in 2018. I graduated from Central Washington University earning a Master's Degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Science Education.

## My Teaching Philosophy

My goal is to provide a safe, caring and challenging learning environment for every student. It is my belief that each child is unique and special in his/her own way. By developing a meaningful relationship with each child, I am able to create a classroom of risk takers and critical thinkers. I believe in a student-centered learning environment in which my students are in the driving seat of their own learning. A positive classroom community with a growth mind set is key!

My Family and Interests