Dear Whale Families,  

Welcome to Lookout Mountain’s 5th grade classroom- Ms. Watkinson’s Whales!  I hope you all had a fabulous summer, full of fun adventures!

I am excited to be joining the Lookout Mountain Teaching team this year and even more excited to get to know all of you! One thing you may be interested in knowing about me is that I Worked in the Zoological field for approximately 15 years! Most recently I worked at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park as an Educator and tour guide! If you’re curious, yes, I did some animal keeping work, animal training and animal presentations!

Our classroom colors will be Teal and shades of ocean blue.

I have a ton of fun projects and activities in the works for this year and I know we will have the most incredible and memorable year together! In addition to projects and rigorous, engaging lessons, we will have fun in the classroom in the form of celebrations, speeches, and presentations. My goal for each of our Whale pod members is to grow into a responsible, caring 5th grader who loves to learn.

The first day of school will be Monday, August 4th , 2025. The first bell rings at 8:10 a.m. Our school day starts at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. for all grade levels. Every Wednesday is an early release day, with students leaving at 1:45 p.m.

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION:

\*There will be an OPEN HOUSE (Meet the Teacher Night) for the 2025/2026 school year, on Thursday, July 31st, 2025, from 5 PM-6:30 PM.

SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST:

* 4 Spiral-bound notebooks
* 5 Folders (any color)
* Highlighters, one of each color (yellow, green, pink)
* One pair of Scissors
* Crayons or colored pencils (no markers)
* Small pencil box/pouch
* Wired headphones (NO wireless/ear buds)

**To Share:**

* Pack of pencils
* Glue Sticks

**Optional Classroom Donations**

* Whiteboard markers
* Thin washable markers
* Tissues
* Hand Sanitizer
* Disinfectant wipes, Cleaning Spray, and Paper Towels
* Sandwich bags
* Bags of candy (i.e. Mints, Jolly Ranchers, Starbursts) for our prize box
* Other items for the prize box (i.e. pencils, erasers, pens, Target “One Spot” items, trinkets)

I hope to see you at Meet the Teacher Night!

Sincerely,

Ms. Watkinson