



Dear Parents,

August 6, 2015



We are working very hard to ensure our students have a successful start in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will do everything possible to help them adjust to the rigorous schedule they will experience at Cleveland Elementary School. Many fun and exciting learning experiences are planned for this school year. The following paragraphs are brief introductions to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will be teaching Reading, Writing and English Language Arts. Mrs. Douthard will be teaching Math. Mrs. Nail will be teaching Social Studies. Mrs. Pope will be teaching Science/Health. We will also be collaborating daily with Delecia Hill, Math/Reading Specialist; Amanda Smith - LEA and Learning Specialist; Tracy McDonald, Learning Specialist and Beth Ann Carpenter, English Language Learner Specialist.

Mrs. Catherine Douthard ([douthard.catherine@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:douthard.catherine@mail.fcboe.org)):

This is my 25th year of teaching in Fayette County. I helped open Cleveland Elementary in 2002. I graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. My Early Childhood Certification is from Columbus State University. I also have a Master of Science in Instructional Technology from Walden University. I have taught 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. I have also taught Remedial Math for grades 2-5 and Technology for grades K-5. I have a 21 year-old son, Alex. My hobbies include reading, technology, traveling and scuba diving! I am so excited about this brand new year! I am planning many hands-on activities using technology to help students develop a deeper understanding of Math in the real world.

Mrs. Candy Nail ([nail.rebecca@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:nail.rebecca@mail.fcboe.org)):

I grew up in Fayetteville, attending Fayette County schools from elementary through high school. I graduated from the University of Georgia with an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education. I received my Master's and Specialist's degrees from Georgia State University also in Early Childhood Education. This is my twenty-eighth year of teaching. I have taught at Cleveland Elementary since it opened in 2002. I have taught 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade throughout my career. My husband, Michael, and I live here in Fayetteville with our two children, Mackenzie and Parker. Mackenzie is a college junior at Georgia State University, and Parker is a senior at Whitewater High School. I enjoy long-distance running, camping, boating, shopping, and spending time with my family. I also enjoy watching both of my children compete in college and high school cross country and track meets. Go GSU Panthers and WHS Wildcats!

Mrs. Beth Pope ([pope.beth@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:pope.beth@mail.fcboe.org)):

I graduated with an Elementary Education degree from Loyola University in New Orleans. I received my Master's degree from Grand Canyon University in Technology: Curriculum and Instruction. I have taught many grade levels including Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. I have taught a total of 18 years with this being my 15<sup>th</sup> year in the Fayette County system. I live in Newnan with my husband, Bruce, and our three children, Nathan (19), Meredith (15), and Landon (13). My family is my world and when I'm away from them—my class becomes my family!

We are excited about getting to know our students the first week! We have a very active PTO and we encourage you to join. We welcome your support and believe that family plays the most important role in our students' lives. With this in mind, we encourage communication between home and school, as it is vital in preparing our students to become productive members of our society. Therefore, please keep communication open and feel free to ask questions!

Sincerely,  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

*Mrs. Douthard, Mrs. Nail and Mrs. Pope*





5th Grade Website: <http://www.teachersclass.net/ces5thgrade>

