**About Mrs. Blaine**

I am so excited to be your child’s teacher this year. This is my first year at Perkins! I have taught at many public schools throughout the county as well as private school. I have taught almost every grade 1st-5th! I have lived in Saint Petersburg for 20 years and am originally from New York but have lived in Colorado as well. I love it here because we have so much natural beauty surrounding us and lots of sunshine. I love to swim, paddle board, camp, go to the beach, cook and read. I have a daughter going into High School, 2 cats, 1 dog and a horse! We are a nature loving family! I love to bring the elements of our local environment into my classroom and lessons. I also encourage creativity and independence. I think learning should be fun, vigorous and hands-on. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your family this coming school year.

**Parent Communication**

I have an open-door policy for communication. You are welcome to contact me at any time. Email or text are the best ways to reach me. I will do my best to get back to you in a timely manner while not interrupting instructional time. Parents are also welcome to volunteer in my classroom at any time. My email address is blainejes@pcsb.org. As you know, your support and participation are key parts to your child’s success and is greatly appreciated.