



## Mr. K

My name is Mr. Kowaleski, pronounced (Cow/a/le/ski), but it is fine if you just call me “Mr. K.” because I know my last name can be difficult to say. This is my fifth year teaching fifth grade at Peck Place School. I love being a part of the community and enjoy all of the fun, learning, and exploring we get to do in fifth grade!

Prior to working at Peck, I taught fourth grade at Fitzgerald Elementary School in Waltham, Massachusetts, a suburb just outside of Boston, for ten years. I relocated to Connecticut in the summer of 2015 to be closer to my family. I am married to my lovely wife, Lori, and have two beautiful children Alexander (age 3), and Olivia (23 months). I grew up in Litchfield, a small colonial town in the northwestern part of Connecticut. I have an older sister named Patti, who is a high school math teacher and a younger brother Steve who lives in Boston. I graduated from the University of Connecticut and got my teaching degree from Lesley University in 2009.

I am a huge sports fan. I love the Red Sox, Celtics, Patriots, and UCONN basketball. I enjoy skiing, bike riding, and bowling. In my spare time, I like to read, garden and spend time with my family and friends. I frequently go skiing in the winter at my family’s chalet in Vermont. My favorite subject to teach is math. I guess it runs in my family because my sister, mom, and uncle are/were math teachers.

I really enjoy doing activities that use creativity and imagination. This year we will have the opportunity to do some fun hands-on projects that I think you will enjoy. In my classroom, I respect others and expect them to respect me. I have high expectations for my students and myself. Our classroom will be a safe place where students can explore, take risks, and celebrate the successes of their learning.

