

Hello Indian Ridge Families,

My name is Heather Wiegner, and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as I transition from 2nd Grade to the GT position here at Indian Ridge.

I have had the privilege of teaching here at Indian Ridge since I began my career. I student taught with the mentorship of Karen Berg in 2nd Grade and then had an opportunity to become a PARA educator in ILC, working with students to regulate behaviors and emotions so they could access learning.

Following that experience, I moved into a 4th Grade position, where I stayed for two years. Since then, I have been teaching 2nd Grade. During my time in Second Grade, I took the building Differentiation coach role on, which sparked a new passion for the GT learner!

I consider everything in life as purposeful, even if it doesn't always present that way at first. I realize how cliché this sounds, but I believe I was led to this role and this population of learners since the moment I began my career. Each step along the way has left me with new learning and tools for my next step. I believe, wholeheartedly, that I am meant to do this work! I am excited about the learning ahead for the students but also this new adventure for me as a professional!

I recognize the change and shift Mrs. Ruggles has created for our GT learners at Indian Ridge this year, and I value the dedication she put in for our

students. I plan to continue to build upon her foundation and keep this program excelling well into the future!

Thank you for sharing your learners with me and for supporting me in this new role! I look forward to an incredible year with you and your student.

Heather Wiegner

