Hi. My name is Ansel Raymond.

I have been in Manitou Springs Elementary School since 2nd grade.

This year I will be in 6th grade at Ute Pass.

I would like to tell you how Manitou Springs Elementary made a big difference in my life.

Manitou Elementary helped me make goals to overcome the struggles I faced.

My teachers gave me tricks for tasks like test taking which made it easier to finish my work.

What I learned helped me to develop my interests in science, reading, math, and violin.

The teachers challenged me to go beyond what I thought I could do. I learned important life skills like how to research and present my ideas in front of people.

For example, in the the science fair, we had to do research, create and perform an experiment, then present our conclusions to the judges. At Manitou, everyone is supported and appreciated for who they are. I will never forget the wonderful teachers and staff at MSES.