

July 2016

Dear Terrific Third Graders and Families,

Hello and welcome to the 2016-2017 academic school year! My name is Sarah Johnson and I am so excited to be your Third Grade teacher this year at La Tierra Community School. I am thrilled to be returning to the La Tierra community for the upcoming school year. I look forward to meeting and learning more about all of you and your families.

This summer, I will be living on a cattle ranch in northern Colorado teaching summer school, nannying and adventuring in the Rocky Mountains. I hope you have a wonderful summer with many adventures, I can't wait to hear about them. I am so excited for you to be a part of our CREW and to start our learning journey this year. We will do many new and exhilarating things, including exciting fieldwork and two excellent expeditions.

I have a summer assignment for you to complete before school starts. First, pick a favorite baby picture and bring it in with you on the first day of school. We will be sharing these with the class so make sure you are comfortable with the picture. We will make sure you get it back home safely, so do not worry about that. Next, please fill out the worksheet that I have included with this letter and bring it with you on the first day of school. This worksheet will help us with our first "big" writing assignment, which will be based on a poem by George Ella Lyon called *WHERE I'M FROM*.

Once again, I hope you've had a wonderful start to your summer and I can't wait to hear all about it! I am a huge believer in open communication, if you have any questions or concerns about your summer assignment, the beginning of the school year or would like to chat please contact me via e-mail, I will be checking it regularly.

Sincerely,

Miss Sarah Johnson
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Building a Framework about Who You Are

Descriptive words or phrases that describe you	Things that you are passionate about	Keys words about powerful or meaningful memories
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