

Dear families,

I am very excited to be your child's fourth grade teacher next year! This will be my third year teaching at La Tierra Community School and I feel so fortunate to be able to work with such incredibly children, staff and families. I absolutely love my job!

A little bit about myself...I have four children (26 year old twin daughters, a 21 year old daughter and a 18 year old son) and two gorgeous grandchildren, with another on the way. My granddaughter, Myla, will be attending kindergarten this year at La Tierra and my grandson just turned two years old. My son graduated from high school this May and we're very excited that he will be attending University of Arizona in the fall.

This summer I will spend most of my time getting my house ready to sell in August. I'll still be living close by though! The fun part of my summer includes a road trip to Durango and Telluride in June and hopefully a short trip to the beach in July. Having been born and raised in Southern California, the ocean is a part of my being and I miss the water!

Our fourth grade Expeditions are "Remembering Something Ancient" and "Voices for Change" Our first expedition "Remembering Something Ancient" is an in-depth look at the Southwest, including ancient tribes, landforms and Arizona's transition from territory to statehood. We'll also be taking a trip to the Grand Canyon in September, which is always amazing. Our second semester Expedition "Voices for Change" includes two segments, the first being civic rights and responsibilities and and importance of voting with the second segment about reducing our own carbon footprint and use our voices to encourage the community to join us on our quest to help save our earth.

I am always available for any questions, comments or additional information.
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My best,
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