

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the new school year! My name is Cal Seabaugh and I am thrilled at the opportunity to work with the 5th/6th classroom for the 2017/2018 school year. I am excited to be back in Prescott and part of the La Tierra Community! I look forward to working with my new group of students and families to make this the best year possible!

For the first half of the year, students will be actively investigating different aspects of life, from both a scientific and a social level. We will spend time learning about plants, mammals, arthropods, humans, society, and community, as well as much much more. The second half will be centered around the question, "What is home?", as students take a look at their local community through an environmental lens, connecting them to the place that they live and what makes Prescott such a special place. Water is a huge issue living in the desert and the students will get a first hand experience of how important the water issue is here in Prescott. Also, the students will learn about opportunities to help their community (home). It is very important for students at this level to feel empowered to make a difference in the world around them.

I am looking forward to developing a classroom community that is filled with compassion and understanding, helping students to improve their self-awareness, communication, and academic skills. My background stems from extensive time in the outdoors and I am excited to help students feel connected to the natural world around them and appreciate all of the beauty and opportunity we have here in Prescott. There will be many opportunities for field-based, hands-on learning throughout the year. My goal is to have open communication with both students and their families to help maximize every child's educational experience. I will have a weekly email that will keep everyone informed as to the happenings in our classroom. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to meeting everyone and having an outstanding school year here at La Tierra.

Sincerely

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