

Dear families,

Welcome to an unforgettable year! I have been working hard these last few weeks preparing for the upcoming school year and all of its unique challenges. I am constantly thinking of ways to create a genuine connection within our class as we begin the year with distance learning. Our fourth grade parent meeting has been scheduled for Thursday August 13th from 3:00-3:30 via Zoom. Look for an email with the Zoom invite coming soon.

A little bit about myself...This will be my sixth year teaching fourth grade at La Tierra Community School and I am thrilled to be a part of this community! I have been an educator for many years and teaching academics for the past five years. I continue to find joy in my work every day and am looking forward to finding meaningful ways to connect and educate my fourth graders in all the ways I can.

I also have four grown children (29 year old twin daughters, a 24 year old daughter and a 21 year old son) and four gorgeous grandchildren. My granddaughter, Myla, attends La Tierra Community School and will be in third grade this year. My other three grandbabies are five years old, close to two years old and the baby just turned one. My partner, Charles, and I have lived together for the last three years and became engaged this summer! It's been wonderful to have some true happiness during these times.

Our first semester 4th grade Expedition is "Reducing Your Carbon Footprint" in which we will learn about Earth's functions and ways we can mitigate climate change. Our children will also use their voices to encourage the larger community to join us on our quest to help save the earth. Our second semester Expedition is "Remembering Something Ancient" in which we will learn about the first peopling of the Americas including Mesoamerican cultures, American Indians and European colonization.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information. I look forward to sharing more during our parent meeting on 8/13!

My best,

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