

# Dear Fifth Grade Families,



Welcome to the socially distanced start of the 2020-2021 school year!  
I'm Logan Smit (Mrs. Logan) and this is my second year teaching the 5th grade.



After graduating college in 2008, I taught English as a Second Language in the United States and South America. I started an online tutoring platform, Learn with Logan, where I led English and Spanish lessons online and developed meaningful connections with students around the globe.

Our classroom this year, virtual and in-person, will celebrate a wide range of learning styles and interests through respectful communication, inclusion, and high expectations. For many 5th graders, this is a time of self discovery as well as confidence building and I'm honored to be part of their journey. Also, I hear many of them will be excited to learn about our first semester expedition called, "My Place in the Milky Way!"



**Please mark your calendar for Thursday, August 13, from 3:30-4:00pm for our virtual Meet the Teacher/Intro to Distance Learning Zoom.** Be on the lookout for an email with the Zoom link later this week. **Also, weekly 5th grade supplies and materials will be available for pick-up starting on Friday, August 14, from 11-1pm and again from 3-6pm.**

I understand how distance learning creates inevitable challenges, but I'm confident that we can effectively connect and grow during these unprecedented times. I welcome your feedback and promise to do everything I can to meet your family's unique needs.

Thanks for supporting the La Tierra Community! I look forward to speaking with you this Thursday afternoon.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Logan