



Dear families and 4th graders,

Welcome to a brand new school year! I am so excited to be back and ready for another amazing year! I am looking forward to working with all of you and getting to know my new students.

A little about myself, this is my fourth year teaching at Kellond Elementary School. I have been teaching now for about 7 years, this is my fifth year teaching a GATE class and my fourth year teaching 4th grade. Before that I taught 1st and 2nd grade. I was born and raised in Tucson. I attended the University of Arizona where I received a BFA in Studio Art. Shortly after, I went back to school to work on getting my teaching credentials. My husband and I have a 4 year old daughter, Rosie, and a dog named Meatball. My hobbies consist of painting, drawing, writing, and playing the occasional video game.

For the first few weeks of school, we will be working on building rapport, getting to know each other and sharing things about ourselves. We will also be going over expectations and procedures to help make sure our school year goes as smoothly as possible. I really enjoy doing projects in class, both independent projects and in groups. We'll spend some time discussing how to work in a team and being responsible for ourselves and our actions.

One of my big takeaways from the past year is the importance of communication. I am usually pretty consistent at returning emails so please feel free to email me anytime. My email address is lia.melcher@tusd1.org. I will also be using Class Dojo, this is another great way for us to communicate, as well as being a great way to share information like upcoming events and fundraisers. I will be sending home Dojo Invites soon.

**School Supply List:
For Each Student:**

Headphones (please don't feel they need to be expensive, no more than \$10)

Storage bag labeled with the student's name to hold headphones.

Markers (If the student wants them)

Crayons (If the student wants them)

Pencil sharpener that catches shavings

Spiral Notebooks 2

Reusable Water Bottle

Dry Erase Marker



For Classroom sharing:

Box of #2 Pencils

Box of tissue

Please don't feel rushed or obligated to get these supplies immediately, I don't expect students to have everything on the first few days of school.

Also if you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Thank you,

Mrs. Melcher