

Hello 5th Grade Families,

I am very excited to be joining the NCSA family and I am looking forward to meeting you all! I have been teaching for over 16 years as either an art teacher or a 5th grade teacher. This will be my 6th year teaching 5th grade so your kids are in great hands! I received my degree and teaching credential from San Diego State University and over the years I have lived and taught throughout California. Most recently, my family and I have just completed our dream of traveling the United States and Canada in an RV for a year, while road-schooling our kids, Benjamin (8) and Amelia (6). It was an absolute blast where we created experiences and memories that will last a lifetime! Clearly we love to travel, be outdoors, hike, and explore new areas. We are very happy to be living here in Nevada City, which ironically was our first stop on our long journey. While visiting here last year, we fell in love with the area and the community and are thrilled to be calling Nevada City home.

As we all begin to venture into unfamiliar territory, I want to assure you that we are all in this together. In order to have success this year, open communication and flexibility will need to be paramount. We will have our frustrations, struggles and anxieties about what this year will look like, but always remember that our children are looking to us to learn how to deal with such obstacles and emotions. We need to always model how we want them to behave in difficult situations. We will persevere together, as a team, a village and a community that will hopefully be stronger on the other side. I am here for you and your children and I truly look forward to figuring out this new terrain with such a dedicated community.

Warmly,
Danielle Yzaguirre