



Hello!

It is a pleasure to be your child's teacher this year! This will be my 1st year teaching with Sequoia Pathfinder Academy at Eastmark, but my 5th year of teaching at the elementary level. I am excited to welcome your child's new ideas to the classroom, as well as mine to learn and grow from. It has been a great learning experience to work in previous schools with integrative global and cultural perspectives, and I'm excited to learn more about the culture here in Arizona, my new home.

I received my BA degree in Elementary Ed. from University of North Carolina, and my Masters in Ed. -Program Reading Specialist from Liberty University. Although I was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I have lived in different places while my husband served and recently retired from the U.S. Navy. I was fortunate enough to begin my teaching career 18 years ago as a Pre-K teacher in San Clemente, California, and since then, teaching has been a part of my journey.

My husband of 21 years, and our two children have recently moved here to Arizona from coastal North Carolina. My daughter will be a junior in college and my son is an 8th grader at Highland Junior High. I enjoy the beach, traveling, running, *reading*, painting and spending time with my *family*. Some of my favorite things are: *coffee*, *Chicago Cubs*, *Skittles*, and the color *blue*.

I truly wish that students will enjoy school and *learning* as much as I do. If you have any questions, concerns or just need to catch up with what your child is learning, please send me an e-mail at [LPanagakis@edkey.org](mailto:LPanagakis@edkey.org).

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