



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year. There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to meet and new skills to master...and I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times.

Your children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. It's a parent's enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires children to do their best, and a teacher's ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things!

My name is Melissa Sandberg and I will be your child's 1st grade teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. This will be my third year teaching at Sequoia Pathfinder Academy at Eastmark, and I am really looking forward to an awesome year! I have lived in Arizona since 2008, but I am originally from Highland Park, Illinois. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2001 with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and received my Master's degree in Education (Reading) from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2006. I was a public school teacher in Chicago and Wisconsin for several years, and I also taught Kindergarten for three years at a school in East Mesa. Spending time with my family is my favorite thing to do, but I also enjoy reading, watching movies, and going to garage sales.

I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our school. I also want to thank you for your commitment to your child's education and I look forward to getting to know you throughout the school year.

Please join us for our Meet the Teacher Night on Monday, July 31st. This will be a great opportunity to get to know each other, check out the classroom, and discuss all the wonderful things we will be doing this year! You may bring in your child's school supplies that night if you wish (For our school supply list, check out the faculty/staff bios on the school website).

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions and concerns. I look forward to an amazing year!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Melissa Sandberg
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