



August 2016

Dear Families,

¡Hola! My name is Kristina Kofski, and I will be your child's fifth grade teacher this year. This is my second year as a fifth grade teacher; I have previously taught first, fourth, and sixth grades here at LILA, as well. Fifth grade is a fantastic year because the kids are at a developmental stage in their lives where they're curious and excited to learn, and are ready to show more independence and to take more responsibility for their learning. Additionally, fifth grade culminates in a long-term inquiry process called Exhibition, as well as graduation to middle school, making it a very excited year. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, exploration, and fun!

I grew up in the Twin Cities area but went east for college, earning my bachelor's degree in bilingual education and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) from Boston University. Shortly thereafter, I departed for Nicaragua, where I served for two years as an environmental education Peace Corps volunteer. A few years ago, I completed my master's degree in education and certificate in Gifted Education from Hamline University.

My husband John and I live in Wyoming with our boys, Andy, who is seven, and Danny, who is four.

I encourage you to visit our class webpage to learn more about what this year has in store for your child:

<https://sites.google.com/a/lakesinternational.org/profe-kristina/>

I look forward to meeting with you and your child at the end of the month! In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions at [kkofski@lakesinternational.org](mailto:kkofski@lakesinternational.org).

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and ¡nos vemos muy pronto! (See you very soon!)

Sincerely,

