

Welcome back to a new school year at Santa Ynez Valley Charter School. Go Dragons!

My name is Ms. Pappas and I will be your child's teacher in 1st grade this year. I'm eager to start the 2018-19 school year and to meet all the first grade children and their families. I am confident that together we'll have a productive, exciting, and engaging year.

A little note about me: I have been a resident of Santa Barbara County for the past twenty-five years. My teaching experience began when I was sixteen. I participated as a student in my high school's cooperative parent-child workshop. Here is where my journey began and where my passion for teaching was ignited. I attended UC Santa Cruz where I majored in Philosophy with a minor in Psychology and Education. I then went on to UC Santa Barbara and obtained my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and Masters of Education degree. During my employment at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History as the Children's Programs Manager, I completed my studies and earned my Child Development Program Director Permit from the State of California.

I have held a variety of jobs from creating water gardens to waitressing. I have worked in a variety of educational settings from museums, elementary schools, and preschools. I have worked with children ranging in ages from three months to twelve years. In addition, I have been a Director of Preschool and a teacher for Kindergarten, First Grade, First and Second Grade Combo, Fifth thru Seventh Grade Science and Social Studies, and K-Fourth Grade GATE Science.

Since I was a young child, I have been active. My interests have ranged from playing tennis to sculpting. After college, I worked in a stain glass studio constructing Byzantine style windows for churches around the United States. I have participated in the National Waterski Racing Association with my family since I was a young child. I first learned to waterski when I was four years old. I later went on to compete in international speed skiing tournaments. In addition, I love to read, engage in conversation, and spend quality (and quantity) time with my husband and son.

I am committed to creating a positive and meaningful learning environment. Please feel free to contact me at [epappas@syvcs.org](mailto:epappas@syvcs.org). I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Eugenia Pappas