

Monica Guzman

Current Position: *5th Grade Teacher*

School Site: *Central Elementary School. I have been proud to call Central my home for all eight years with TUSD. Throughout my time at Central, I have taught both 4th and 5th grade, including four years teaching a 4th/5th combination class!*

Fun Fact: *My first-year teaching was the year that COVID happened! Also, I love traveling and making memories with my family, and I'm always looking forward to my next adventure.*

Most Important Trait to be Successful: *I believe patience, flexibility, and an open mind are essential to being successful as a teacher. No two students, days, or school years are ever the same, so we are constantly adapting to meet the needs of our students. Being patient and flexible allows us to embrace change, learn from challenges, and continue growing alongside our students.*

The BEST thing about my job is… *building relationships with my students and watching them grow----not only academically, but also as individuals. There is something incredibly rewarding about seeing a student gain confidence, overcome a challenge, or discover something they didn't think they could do. I also love knowing that the relationships we build can have an impact that extends far beyond the classroom.*

My Favorite Thing… *about teaching at Central is being part of a community that truly feels like home. Since I have spent my entire TUSD career here, I've had the opportunity to watch students grow over the years and continue connecting with former students and their families. It is especially meaningful when former students come back to visit, share an accomplishment, or simply stop by to say hello. Those moments remind me that teaching is about so much more than the lessons we teach----it's about the relationships we build and the impact we have on one another.*