



**Preschool:** M.A. Marija Petrovic earned a Master's degree in applied linguistics at San Diego State University. She has an extensive experience in working with bilingual and non-native speakers of English language she gained at Rosa Parks Elementary School in San Diego, San Diego State University, American Language Institute, and Miramar Community College. She also worked as a program coordinator and instructor at a Serbian-English preschool "Enjoy English" in Nis, Serbia.



**Younger group:** Slobodanka Lotina graduated with bachelor degree from Teacher Education Faculty, University of Belgrade. She has 20 years of teaching experience and has spent majority of her work experience teaching in elementary school "Lazar Savatic" (Zemun, Serbia). She worked with children between the ages 6 - 10 and taught various courses including Serbian

language, mathematics, social studies and science, art and civil education.



**Middle school:** Aleksandra Nikolova, Ed.D. TESOL, has taught ESL/EFL, Linguistics and English Literature courses in the United States, Mexico, and Europe for over 20 years. She has experience in teaching all language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing, as well as grammar. She has been a teacher trainer at UCSD, SDSU, Alliant International University, and Ashford University in San Diego, California, as well as at CETYS Universidad in Tijuana, Mexico. Currently, she is the academic director at the International Academy of English in San Diego, California. After finishing her BA in English Language and Literature in Skopje, Macedonia, she attended and graduated from the MA TESOL program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She was working as an ESL/EFL instructor and teacher trainer for a few years, and then she graduated with an EdD degree in TESOL from Alliant International University in San Diego, CA. She has been living and working in San Diego for over 12 years. Aleksandra is a Principal of our school.



**The oldest group:** M.A. Natasa Gajic started teaching English language in high school during her senior year in college at Belgrade University. She graduated from the Department of Philology with a major in English language and literature, and continued teaching preschool and elementary school children. When she moved to San Diego, California USA, she earned her Master's degree in Applied Linguistics: Teaching English as a second language at the San Diego State University (SDSU). Natasa enriched her teaching career at SDSU. In the recent years she has worked as an ESL teacher (English as a Second Language) at the American Language Institute (ALI) at SDSU. Her teaching experience covers multiple language skills such as grammar, reading, writing, speaking and listening. Her teaching focuses on a communicative approach where students learn a new language through communication in a relaxed atmosphere with lowered affective filters. In addition to regular teaching material, Natasa uses modern technology to make language acquisition a fast, fun and easy process.