

An Interview with Mrs. Whalon

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We have had many great teachers in the past, including our third grade teacher, Mrs. Whalon. She was one of our favorites because she let us do so many projects, she let us play, talk, and most of all, she was always happy and smiling. We had a great year! If you get to have her as a teacher in the future, we know you'll love her. We hope you enjoy this chance to get to know her.

Q: How is your daughter, Ellie, doing?

A: Amazing! She's two now, and she LOVES to talk and have dance parties.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach, and why?

A: I love to teach reading, because you can find something in that subject that everyone will like to learn.

Q: Why did you choose to be a teacher?

A: I chose to be a teacher because I like to be around kids and help them figure out things about the world.

Q: How many grades have you taught, and what years did you teach them?

A: Well, during my first three years of teaching, I taught fifth grade. During the first half of my fourth year, I taught second grade, and then for the second half I taught first grade. In my fifth year, I taught second grade again for the first half, and then fourth grade. I have now been teaching third grade for the past four years.

Q: Did you have any other jobs in mind before pursuing teaching?

A: When I was really young, I wanted to be a waitress! I thought that they got free food for working there. But when I got older, I started babysitting kids in the neighborhood and from then on I knew I wanted to be a teacher.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I love to play with Ellie, play board games, hang out with my family, read, walk my dog, Reese, and go shopping.

Q: What is your favorite grade to teach out of all the grades you've taught, and why?

A: I love teaching third grade because it is right in the middle. Plus, there are so many cool things that students get to start doing in third grade that I enjoy teaching!

Q: Do you think you will be moving grades anytime soon?

A: No, I don't think so, but you never know.

Q: Would you rather go to the Bahamas with all your students, or go to Hawaii all by yourself?

A: I would definitely go to the Bahamas with all of my students because I know we could find something fun to learn!