

1) What is your teaching superpower?

I make learning magical by making each of my scholars feel valued, heard, and loved.

2)What will parents see when they come to your class?

If parents walked in my classroom, they would see scholars actively engaged in learning--playing games, practicing Whole Body Listening, creating artwork, exploring books, singing songs, or dancing. When students are learning and working independently, you will always hear music playing--in the morning we listen to Chopin and Bach, in the afternoon we listen to Motown, and during "freeze dance clean up" we dance to Rodrigo y Gabriella.

3)Tell us about yourself?

This is my second year at Capitol Hill Elementary, and my 8th year as a classroom teacher. I've taught almost every grade at the elementary level and Kindergarten is my favorite of all! I love the process of teaching young students to be "scholars", and I strive to instill within each student a love of learning they will carry with them through their educational career. I live in Southeast Portland my husband, three-year-old daughter, and our two pups, Jon Snow and Samwell. When not at school, you can find me exploring the many wonderful restaurants this city has to offer, chasing my daughter down our street on her balance bike, or curled up on my front porch with a book.



1) What is your teaching superpower?

I believe my biggest strength in the classroom is being both organized and flexible at the same time. I have structured routines in my class that students can count on which help with the flow of the day and transitions. At the same time though, I have the ability to see when flexibility to that structure is needed on certain days or in certain circumstances. I believe this creates a good balance.

2) What will parents see when they come to your class?

Parents will see a variety of things in my classroom depending on the time and day. They could see students gathered on the rug learning as a whole group, rotating around the room at different learning stations in small groups, partnered up and engaged in hands-on learning, or working independently at tables. These various scenes would create a different feel, from voices off with classical music on, quiet voices and some movement, to laughter and lots of movement. In every case they would see set expectations being followed and learning happening in a variety of ways.

3) Tell us about yourself?

I have always enjoyed working with kids. I babysat as a teen, I worked as a preschool teacher for 10 years at the U of O's Moss Street Children's Center, and I've worked for the past 12 years in public schools. I lived most of my life in Eugene and moved to Portland only 5 years ago for my husband's new job. He is a computational biologist (mostly in the area of cancer research) at OHSU. We have 3 amazing kids, a 16 year old son at Wilson High School, a 12 year old daughter at Jackson Middle School, and a 4 year old preschooler, who I'm hoping will attend at Capitol Hill next year. Our kids are very active and so we are a busy family. Our oldest plays football, runs track, and plays the guitar. Our daughter is a serious piano player, loves drama, and is currently the lead in the winter play at Jackson Middle. The youngest, loves Legos, art, and playing with his friends. As a family we enjoy camping, hiking, ping-pong and board games. I think I have the best (and most important) jobs in the world and I am very passionate about what I do. I have been so thrilled and thankful to have found a position here at Capitol Hill, a truly wonderful school, in the grade I love teaching the most!



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X-ray vision. I can usually see when a student is not in their area.

2)What will parents see when they come to your class?

When you walk in you will see creative minds at work in a fun engaging manner.

3)Tell us about yourself?

This is my first year at Capitol Hill and my 6th year teaching. I relocated from Georgia last summer with my family. I have three children 1 son and 2 daughters. We have four dogs and two cats. In my spare time I love to spend time with my family, watch sports, read, travel and cook.

