

I have been teaching for most of my life. As soon as I was in elementary school, I would spend playdates and weekends being the 'pretend' teacher to my little sister and her friends. My love of teaching continued to grow as I began teaching in children's programming at the age of sixteen. I found joy in sharing what I had learned with others and quickly realized, as I prepared my lessons to present in class, that one never stops learning. Over the years, I have continued to learn and grow, and have had the opportunity and privilege to work with others, in a variety of children's programs, teaching children and youth in fun and interactive ways. I have gained many skills including modeling positive behaviour, problem-solving and leading group discussions. I have also learned the importance of authenticity when working with all people, especially our youth.

Since 2007, I have been homeschooling my two girls. It has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. They love to learn, and I love to teach them. In many instances I have learned along with them adding greatly to my content knowledge. Teaching my girls has shown me that no two learners are alike. There is no magic mold that fits every student. I have learned the importance of differentiation, and flexibility in my lesson planning.

I love to read, and I am looking forward to sharing my love for reading with my students. I fully believe "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one." — George R.R. Martin, A Dance with Dragons I have learned reading has the power to enhance one's life, to change our vocation, and our station. I am the first in my family to achieve a university degree. I have experienced firsthand the value of reading. I believe I have the skill and enthusiasm for reading to motivate and encourage my students.

I look forward to my next chapter in life, one where I can continue to make a difference in the lives of others on a larger scale. I am a teacher at heart. I look forward to building a respect and rapport with my future students that will open many doors for them as they move forward in becoming productive citizens.