



Mrs. Carmen Griffith

4 Year Old Preschool

15 years with St. Peter School

32 years teaching experience

**2010 Recipient:
Dr. Gary Carter Integrity in
Education Award
from Quincy University**



The majority of my teaching experience that prepared me for this position occurred in a faith-based setting and it is the very reason why I chose to teach at St. Peter School. This faith-based community promotes an environment of love, care and concern for others. St. Peter school is a supportive and encouraging community of parishioners, teachers and families that take an active role in their children's learning and school experiences.

Preschool is often the first formal school experience children have. I love teaching preschoolers and I take the responsibility as their teacher seriously. It is a wonderful experience to watch preschoolers grow, mature and blossom as students over the course of their preschool experience. I count it a privilege to be a part of their early formative years and work to establish a strong social, emotional and academic base for

future educational instruction to be built upon.

I believe in a very "hands-on" theme oriented approach to learning. In my preschool classroom curriculum lessons, activities and centers provide opportunities for large group, small group and individualized learning to occur. Preschool objectives are met through concepts and skills that are introduced to promote pre-reading, pre-writing, math, science, music, health and religion in an effort to best prepare the preschool students for Kindergarten. Portfolios maintained throughout the school year showcase student progress in skill areas.

Special events and unique opportunities that help to foster community and the home/school connection include a Thanksgiving Feast, Mother/Grandmother Tea, Spring program,

field trips, daily parent helpers and holiday parties.

Come visit our classroom and see first-hand the fun in our learning as we sing, laugh, work and play our way through our preschool day. You may meet "Alexander Alligator" a favorite letter friend, get caught up in the search for the "Gingerbread Man" that got away or find yourself relaxing in the bear cave with a great book, just "Don't Wake Up The Bear!"

My teaching style:

I believe in a very "hands-on" learning environment that sparks student interest, promotes creativity, and fosters self-confidence.

Get to know me...

I received a B.S. in Elementary Education, grade K - 9 from Quincy University, and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a grade point average of 3.9.

Prior to teaching at St. Peter School I taught for 23 cumulative years at Kiddie Korner Day Care where I started as a teacher's aide and left as co-director. I also developed and taught an intense Kindergarten preparedness class on a military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

I have two wonderful children, Jordan, who lives in Quincy and works for the Crossing Church and Bethany, my daughter ,who attends Quincy Senior High. My husband, Bobby Griffith drives for ADM.

Something interesting about my family is that my son was born on Christmas Eve, my daughter on Halloween Eve and my Shihtzu, Samson was born on New Year's Eve.

My favorite foods are pizza, pumpkin pie and tacos. I really dislike lima beans! I love doing crafts, reading, spending time with my children and enjoy motorcycle riding and attending Harley events..