



## Ms. Carmen Griffith 4 Year Old Preschool 21 years with St. Peter School 2018 Recipient: The Golden Apple

38 years teaching experience



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 prereading, 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 are planned throughout the school year that help to foster community and the home/school connection.

Come visit our classroom and see firsthand the fun in our learning as we sing, laugh, work and play our way through our preschool day. You may

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 taught preschool and developed an intense Kindergarten preparedness

class on a military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

I have two grown children, 2 delightful granddaughters. I am currently raising two little furry boys! Bailey and Bentley...we enjoy walks together and snuggling with mama.

My favorite foods are pizza, tacos, chocolate and pumpkin pie! Well

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 Mayflower with a great book, "Sailing Away to New Lands". You may even find when you leave that you took with you a little smudge of paint.

Award from WGEM

## *My teaching style:*

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

> almost anything...EXCEPT COFFEE AND LIMA BEANS!

I love doing crafts, reading, baking and decorating cookies.