



Mrs. Evelyn Downey

Third Grade

1 year with St. Peter School

52 years teaching experience



What I like most about teaching at St. Peter School is the positive environment, and the level of support I feel from everyone. I feel validated and supported every day from feedback I receive. Sometimes it is a note from a parent or one of my administrators, but often it comes in the form of a third grader's hug.

Teaching has always been a rewarding career for me. I have always tried to create a classroom where students can see their own self-worth and build upon it. One that honors that God has gifted us, each with differing talents, and we work as a team to move forward. I want my students to have a variety of opportunities to meet their learning potential. As a teacher, I recognize that students have different educational needs. It is up to me to find a way to successfully meet those needs.

I also try to create a well-rounded class. I want my students to experience joy every day. Children need to grow in other ways than academics. In our fast-paced world, I think learning to build relationships, establishing independent skills, and developing a sense of responsibility are critical.

My teaching style:

It is my sincere hope that I am providing enriched academics as well as helping students feel confident and happy.

Get to know me...

I graduated from Quincy College with a Bachelor of Science in Education. Later, I received a Master of Education degree from Western Illinois University as well as an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration. I hold secondary endorsements in History, Middle School Education and Reading Intervention.

I have always lived in and around Quincy, Illinois. I was married to Randy Hollander until the time of his death in 1996. We have three children and six grandchildren. Our daughters, Carrie, Rachel, and their families live in Quincy. Our son, Reid and his family live in Colorado. My second marriage was to Jay Downey in November of 2023 until his passing this August.