

Spotlight On Our Teachers & Staff

We're Here for You!



Anita DiPaolo

Preschool 4 year old

9 years experience, 2 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BA in Early Childhood Education & Elementary Education, Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

I love to provide new experiences for my students using a variety of materials and methods as they begin their journey to life-long learning. I love that JFK is a school where Catholic beliefs and values are an important aspect in the teaching of children and that everyone is a part of the school family.



Rachel Anderson

Preschool 4 year old

2 years experience, 1 year at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BA in Early Childhood Education & Special Education

What I Love About Teaching

I love developing a lasting relationship with the students. I love watching them learn and grow every day. I feel blessed to do what I love!



Janice Woods

Preschool 4 year old

26 years experience, 14 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

Masters in School Counseling & Therapy. BA in Elementary & Special Education. Early Childhood, Special Education, and Religion Certifications

What I Love About Teaching

Not many people have the opportunity to go to a job each day that they love. I have that opportunity every time I step into my classroom. It's the kids that make me happy. When we are happy, we laugh more, learn more, and love more.



Anna Marie Bonner

Kindergarten

39 years experience, 39 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS in Elementary Education. Early Childhood and Religion Certifications

What I Love About Teaching

I love seeing the children learn and grow academically, morally and socially.



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Amy Porter

Kindergarten

11 years experience, 5 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

Early Childhood Certification
Reading Specialist

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching at JFK, because religion is incorporated into our curriculum. I can ensure that they know God loves every single one of them and will help them along their educational journey.



Lauren Hone

1st Grade

33 years experience, 31 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS in Elementary Education.
Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching, because I am a lifelong learner and teaching provides constant learning of new strategies, new ideas, and new philosophies. No two days are alike, and every single day I can make a difference that goes far beyond the classroom lesson. I feel accomplished seeing my students grow in knowledge and confidence. I love working with children and making them feel at home in my classroom.



Margaret Ames

2nd Grade

42 years experience, 42 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BA in Elementary Education
Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

As an educator at John F. Kennedy School, I feel that I can spread the good news of Jesus while guiding my students to follow His way when making choices throughout their lives.



Hannah Brown

3rd Grade

7 years experience, 7 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Google and Religion Certifications

What I Love About Teaching

I love seeing the faces of children once they finally understand and comprehend a new concept!



Rebecca Marchezak

4th Grade

35 years experience, 35 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

B.S. in Elementary Education,
Religious Certification

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching, because it is not a job but a true vocation. Teaching gives me the opportunity to touch the minds and hearts of young people.



Paula Matthews
**5th Grade, Health 2-3, Gym 2-3-4,
4th Science**
16 years experience, 8 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications
B.S. in Home Economics and
M. Ed. in Elementary Education
Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

I love witnessing aha moments! There is nothing more satisfying than seeing the students as excited as I am that they finally got it.



Joyce Bruno
Middle School English
40 years experience, 39 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications
BA in Health & Physical Education K-12
Elementary Education, Middle Level English
and Religion Certifications

What I Love About Teaching

There is never a dull moment in teaching. I love the family atmosphere at JFK. I also love that we can include God in the classroom.



Christine Coyle
Middle School Math
2 years experience, 2 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications
BS in Biochemistry and Molecular
Biology, PhD in Genetics and
Developmental Biology

What I Love About Teaching

I love sharing my knowledge and enthusiasm for math and science with all the students that I have had the privilege to teach.



Emily Janocha
Middle School Social Studies
7 years experience, 6 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications
Masters in Instructional Technology.
BS in Early Childhood Education.
PK-4, 5+6, Middle Level Social
Studies 4-8, & Religion Certifications

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching middle school because our students are our future of our world. We are learning about the past in social studies, and therefore we do not want to make the same mistakes and we can elaborate on accomplishments of our past.

I love the relationships that I form with my fellow teachers and students! It makes teaching all the different grades personalized and unique in their own way. I love leaving a little "sparkle" of learning in each child's mind!



Rebecca Papson

Middle School Science

42 years experience, 40 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS in Elementary Education
Middle Level Science and
Religion Certifications

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching, because it keeps me young and always learning. I love teaching at JFK because it's like a big family and I can always talk about God.



Amy Porter

Middle School Reading

11 years experience, 5 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS in Early Childhood Education
Reading Specialist
Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching middle school reading, because I want to foster a love of reading to my students. I enjoy the discussions that arise while we are reading. It shows that they are really thinking about what they are reading and applying their own background to analyze the material being read.



Natalie Florian

Music, Art 4-5, Band, Gym 1-5-6-7-8, Health 1-5-6-7-8

4 years experience, 2 years at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS in Early Childhood Education
Reading Specialist
Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

I love teaching for the "light bulb" moment that students have. It is the moment when something clicks for them and they understand what I'm trying to teach them, that I feel most accomplished and grateful to be their teacher.



Kimberly Ratkiewicz

Spanish, Art 1-2-3-6-7-8

21 years experience, 1 year at JFK

Qualifications/Certifications

BS in Early Childhood Education
Reading Specialist
Religion Certification

What I Love About Teaching

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