

Olivia Benter- Prek 4 Teacher

Olivia grew up in Seymour, Indiana. She will be graduating from Purdue University in May of 2020 with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Exceptional Needs. She is expected in May 2020 to hold licenses and certification in both Early Childhood Education as well as Early Childhood Special Education. Since she grew up in the Lutheran Church as well as attended Lutheran schools, she is willing to participate in the LCMS Colloquy program.

Summary of Interview

Has a degree in early childhood which meets NLSA accreditation

Holds a special education license

Student taught in ECE classroom

Served as a registered behavior technician (summer job)

She loves to incorporate Jesus into all curriculum

Has great ambition, passion, and complete love for teaching young children

Understands differentiation and meeting the needs of all learners

Expressed herself well and answered questions using current education terminology

Understands best practices at early children education level

Communication with parents & parental participation in the classroom are both important to her

She's a team player, positive, efficient, supportive and open to others' ideas

She has excellent ideas on discipline & the resolution of issues between children in the classroom

She expressed a strong desire to become a part of the congregation and to participate in Bible studies and other activities

Emily Rode- 2nd Grade

Biography

Emily Rode is connected to St. John. Both of her parents are involved in ministry. Her father is the pastor at Ascension Lutheran in Beech Grove, where her mom runs the preschool. She has over 10 years of experience in third grade, as well as a year in fourth grade and two years being a preschool aide. She also has served as a substitute here at St. John this past year. Emily received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Valparaiso University; she has also completed additional graduate courses from both Butler University and Brandman University. She and her husband have three children.

Summary

Lutheran and willing to participate in the Lutheran Colloquy program

Connected to St. John and faculty

Experience

Energetic

Flexible, good attitude

Wants what's best for students

Willing to use a variety of strategies and willing to seek others for help

Stated "everything begins and ends with Jesus"

Loves to incorporate the Bible, singing, and Jesus into day to day learning

Sarah Bumbleburg- 3rd grade

Biography

Sarah Bumbleburg grew up attending St. James Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette. She attended Concordia University Chicago, receiving her Bachelor's degree in 2001. She continued her education in receiving a Master's Degree in Special Education from Butler University. She has had 18 years of teaching experience and is currently a special education teacher at Trinity Lutheran High School in Seymour, Indiana. She and her husband Michael have 3 daughters.

Summary

18 years of experience

Confident

Extroverted, patient and adaptable

Believes communication is important

Special education background and special education certified

Growth assessment proponent

Has school aged children

Demonstrates great empathy

Active in extracurricular activities

Jamie McCormick- 4th Grade

Biography

Jamie McCormick grew up in Lincoln, Illinois where her family continues to reside. She attended Concordia University, Seward and graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She has a total of about 18 years of teaching experience in Carson City and Las Vegas, Nevada where she is currently teaching 4th grade at Faith Lutheran Academy.

Summary

Expressed a lot of energy

Willing to do whatever is needed

Experience as an athletic director

Confident, positive, and honest

Said "teaching about Jesus, it's what I love to do."

Believes communication is hugely important

Enjoys serving and has a heart for service

Experience in using differentiation strategies in reading and math

Experience in 4th grade classroom