

Debbie Pitsenbarger has taught in schools for 41 years and retired at the end of COVID year 2020. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from James Madison University. And later returned to JMU and received a master's degree in Early Childhood Education specializing in Reading. She also has an endorsement in Gifted Education and served many years as the Gifted Coordinator at Riverheads Elementary School.

She taught extended Kindergarten at Valley Elementary School in Bath County and while there was trained in the Gesell method of teaching. Throughout her teaching career, she taught K-2 and 4th grade at Riverheads Elementary School. When the program was departmentalized, she taught 4th grade Reading. She ended her career as a Reading Specialist. Mrs. Pitsenbarger is also trained in the Orton-Gillingham method of reading.

Married to her husband, Ray, they live in Churchville. They have two grown children and three grandchildren. Besides enjoying the grandchildren, she likes music, camping, gardening, crafting, and reading. She is also active in her church.

Through her many years of experience, she believes all children deserve the best education possible and should grow into the individual God intended them to be. Each child has a gift that needs to be unlocked and explored.

She is excited to be helping at Anna's House and watching the children grow in their Reading knowledge.