April Nagel
1st Grade

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Philosophy of Education

A very wise man once said, "*Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.*" Based on Benjamin Franklin's influential quote, my own personal philosophy evolves from this idea. Learning needs to be a meaningful process that helps students to make connections with the real world. I believe education is also a partnership; I want parents to feel free to openly communicate their concerns with me and to know their children are in a safe and loving environment. My intent is to provide them with the knowledge and resources to continue their child's learning not only in the classroom, but at home as well. As I encourage my students to do their best, I want to assist them in discovering their individual talents and encourage them to persevere through challenging tasks. I believe my students are all kind, capable, and intelligent individuals that each bring something unique and special to the world. I want them to gain confidence in their abilities and to lay the foundation that will help them to succeed in anything they set their minds to. The goals I have for my students are to develop a deep love and respect for themselves, others, their faith and the environment.

Educational Background

- Central Washington University, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
- Western Governors University, Master of Education in Learning and Technology

Teaching Experience

My passion for teaching began here at St. Patrick's where I had the privilege of working as an Aide for the Half-day and All-day Preschool programs. After receiving my degree, I completed two years of teaching through the Clover Park School district as a first grade teacher on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. It was an honor being a teacher of military children and I have grown so much from these experiences. I am thrilled to be back here at St. Patrick's where my passion for teaching first began.

Fun Facts

- Remember, "Always leave things better than you found them." I cannot express how important these words are to teach our young children in all aspects of their lives. I have found so much

joy in sharing these precious words my grandfather passed down to me and encouraging my students both past and present to do the same.