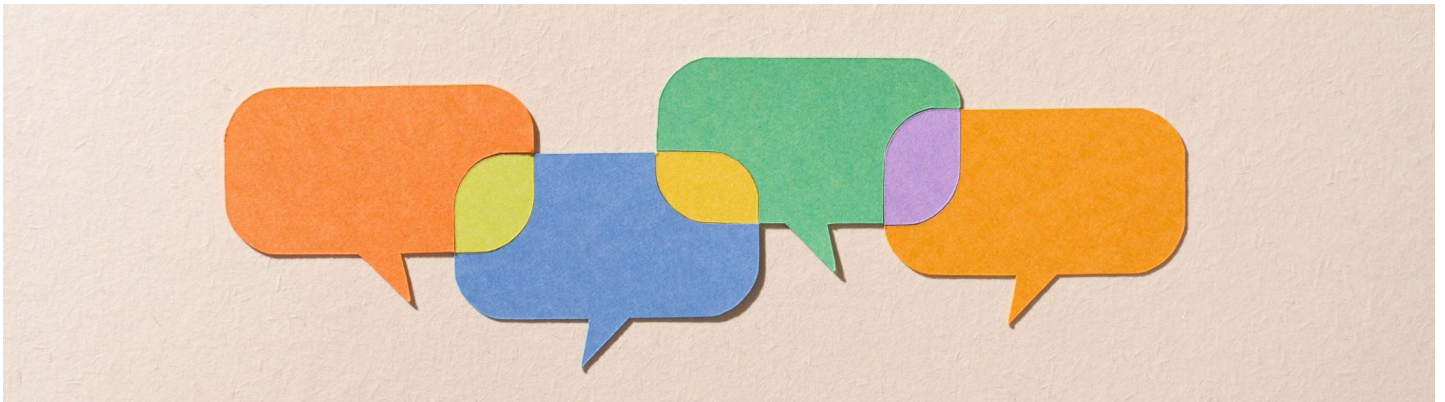


Jamie Jones



Jamie Jones

1st Grade, Union Hill Elementary

1. How long have you been at your school and what makes you committed to working with High Point students?

I've just completed my seventeenth year of teaching, with sixteen of those years at Union Hill Elementary. I began at Union Hill the very first year our new building opened and have been proud to call it home ever since. As a former student of High Point schools, and having completed my college internships in High Point schools, I knew I wanted to give back to this community. What keeps me committed are the relationships I've built with students and families over the years.

2. What's your most memorable moment as an educator?

My most memorable moments as an educator are the smiles on my students' faces when they master a concept or reach a goal. Whether it's seeing progress on a math test, a reading score, or understanding a classroom lesson, celebrating their growths and milestones makes all the

work worthwhile. Witnessing their smiles and growing confidences is something I will always remember.

3. What inspired you to become an educator?

I've always known I wanted to be a teacher. As a child, I would play school with my sisters and friends, and as soon as I was old enough, I began helping with classes at church. Throughout my own years as a student, I was fortunate to have incredible teachers who inspired and believed in me. Their support and encouragement helped me want to do the same for others.

4. What's the best part about every day?

The best part of every day is getting to work with my students. From the morning greetings to the many lessons, whether it be small groups, challenges, or triumphs throughout the day, it's the daily interactions that make this work so meaningful. I especially love those "light bulb" moments when a student suddenly understands a concept we've been working on. Seeing their pride and excitement makes it all worth it.

5. Do you have a classroom motto or philosophy you abide by? Why?

Our classroom motto is: "I can't do this...YET!" We spend a lot of time building a growth mindset and helping students understand that learning takes time, effort, and perseverance. It's important that they don't shut down or say, "I can't do this," when faced with challenges. Instead, we focus on the power of "yet." They may not be able to do something right now, but with continued practice and determination, they will get there.

6. What would you like your students to remember about being in your class?

I hope my students remember that I genuinely cared about each of them and believed they could achieve any goal they set their minds to. I hope they carry with them the growth mindset – knowing that through hard work and effort, they can reach any goal. Beyond academics, I want them to remember the hugs, smiles, and encouragement, and always know that they have someone who believes in them and is cheering them on, no matter where life takes them.

7. Is there any other information you would like us to share? What kind of support do you need from the High Point community?

Thank you for the continued support you provide to the High Point community schools. We ask that the community continues to rally behind us—through encouragement, involvement, and partnership—to help our students continue to grow. Together, we can continue to help students succeed.