



Teacher Profile: All About...

Gabriella Fernandez (1st Grade)



Where are you from?

I was born in Chicago, raised and went to school in Cicero. I have been a Chicago resident for 13 years.

Education experience:

I went to Morton College and earned my Associates Degree in Liberal Studies. I recently received my bachelor's in early childhood education from National Louis University.

If you have a bad day, what is it that gets you out the door and off to work the next morning?

When I wake up in the morning, I cannot wait and see what kind of day I'll have. I approach the new day with higher thoughts, high energy, and a big smile.

Who most influenced your decision to become an educator?

When my children were younger, I volunteered in the classrooms on field trips, helping with classroom activities and family nights. All the teachers whom I assisted influenced me to enroll in school to become an educator because they saw the passion of teaching in my eyes.

What else would you like to share about being a teacher?

I have learned that being a teacher is becoming a life-long learner. I look forward to learning from my St. Bruno co-workers.

How do you motivate your students to go above-and-beyond?

Exploration is a huge key. Letting students explore, discover, and create gives students empowerment and ownership of their work.

What is your motto as an educator?

A quote I really like is: It's not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings." - Ann Landers

What is your favorite song?

"Good To Be Alive" by Meghan Trainor

What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?

When I worked in the school office, I was singing a song out loud and I did not know the intercom was on until a teacher ran into the office to let me know. Not only did the school hear but also the surrounding blocks!