



Teacher Profile: All About...

Ms. 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!