New Teacher Questionnaire

Name: Emily Kramer

Position at George-Little Rock: Third Grade Teacher

Where did you grow up/graduate high school? When? I grew up in Little Rock and graduated from GLR in 2021

College education when/where, degrees earned? I graduated from South Dakota State University in 2025 with a degree in Elementary Education.

Previous experience (teaching or otherwise), when/where? This will be my first year as a teacher, but while in college I would come home and substitute Para at GLR. I also was a substitute teacher in Brookings, SD while in college.

Why did you choose teaching for a career? What do you enjoy most about teaching? I chose to become a teacher because I have been passionate about learning and helping others grow. I enjoy seeing the moment when a student truly understands something – that "Aha" moment.

What do you want parents and students to know about your teaching style/expectations/what you're hoping students will take away from their time in your classroom? My teaching style is supportive, structured, and student-centered. I will create a positive and respectful learning environment. I hope my students leave my classroom with more than academic growth. I want them to grow in confidence, develop critical thinking skills, and have a love for school.

How can parents assist you? Staying engaged in their student's learning, and have communication with me!

Family: I am married to Cody Kramer and we are expecting a baby girl in October.

Interests outside of school/Involvement in organizations, boards, church, etc: Outside of school I enjoy being around my friends and family and going on walks with our dog Tucker. My husband and I attend Tabernacle Baptist Church in George.

What was your first impression of George-Little Rock? I felt very supported and welcome. I love how involved each community is. Everyone is dedicated to student success.

Just for fun: What is your favorite inspirational quote? Or who is/has been your biggest role model? "Every child deserves a champion, an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and insists they become the best they can possibly be." — Rita Pierson