

New Teacher Questionnaire

Name: Nancy Van Der Weide

Position at George-Little Rock: 7th, 8th and 9th English Language Arts Teacher

Where did you grow up/graduate high school? When? Boyden, IA - Netherlands Reformed Christian School

College education when/where, degrees earned? Northwest Missouri state University – 2003 B.A. in English, Northern State University – teaching Art

Previous experience (teaching or otherwise), when/where? U.S. Army – photo journalist/public affairs specialist; Aberdeen Christian School – 7th and 8th Math; 9th – Physical Science; 11th – Chemistry; SD Dept. of Education – Public Information

Why did you choose teaching for a career? What do you enjoy most about teaching? I became a teacher because I enjoy spending time with kids, and because I love learning new things.

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? Teaching Style – focused on progress, flexible on hour they get there. Expectations – Parents should support student's academic achievement, students should respect their future. Take away – an appreciation for ELA and am about to use conventions correctly.

How can parents assist you? Make sure kids have enough sleep, have positive attitude towards education.

Family: I have three kids – Colton (15); Ruby (13) and Hannah (12).

Interests outside of school/Involvement in organizations, boards, church, etc.: On weekends you'll find me hanging out with my kids, walking the dog, reading a book or visiting a coffee shop.

What was your first impression of George-Little Rock? I like that the building has history to it. The staff seem lovely.

Just for fun: What is your favorite inspirational quote? Or who is/has been your biggest role model? You make your choices, and your choices make you.

Any additional comments you would like to include: I'm excited about this opportunity, and I'm happy to answer Any questions from the community.