

# Teacher Feature: Marcy Salme

## TEACHER FEATURE



### **MARCY SALME**

Napavine Elementary, 2nd grade

#### **How long have you been teaching?**

*I have been teaching for fifteen years. I taught first grade for 13 years and I'm in my second year of teaching 2nd grade.*

#### **What inspires you the most/what is your favorite part of teaching?**

*I absolutely love seeing my students grow! Nothing excites me more than watching them gain confidence throughout the year! My favorite part of teaching is building relationships with kids and making learning fun. I believe the most important thing is that kids love school and want to come every day. I want my classroom to be the place that is safe, kind and fun where kids can learn to their full potential.*

“Our son Matthew has thrived in Mrs. Salme’s 2nd grade class at Napavine Elementary this year. She is an encourager and challenges Matthew in such a way that he wants to do well so that Mrs. Salme will be proud of him. Mrs. Salme also takes a genuine interest in Matthew’s home life and his sports activities. For those reasons and many more, we are thrilled to nominate Mrs. Salme for the teacher feature.”

~nominator, Brian W., father of Matthew

### What is a favorite teaching memory?

*Wow, this is a hard question. I could probably think of one for every year! One of my highlights is from several years ago when our staff did a flash mob at the end of the year assembly. We had an incredible routine that we had been practicing for months and it blew the kid's minds. It's even on YouTube! I love kids getting to see teachers outside of "teaching".*

### What hobbies, interests, do you enjoy outside of the classroom?

*Aside from teaching, my life revolves around my family. My husband coaches basketball and my two boys are involved in basketball, football and baseball. My nights are usually filled with some sort of sporting event, but I wouldn't want it any other way.*

### Do you have a mantra or quote you are always telling your students?

*"Mistakes are proof that your brain is growing!" I want students to know that it is okay to make mistakes and to not be afraid of a challenge!*

### When you were little, what did you want to be when you grew up?

*I knew from pretty early on that I wanted to be a teacher. My mom taught 3rd grade and was also my teacher. Going through middle school and high school, I spent a lot of time helping out in her classroom. I always thought I would be a teacher and never pursued anything different.*

### What made you decide to become a teacher?

*I decided to become a teacher because I love working with kids and watching them grow. I love the relationships that are built through teaching. I have taught so many amazing students over the years and have developed fantastic relationships with their families. Nothing puts a smile on my face like getting a hug from a previous student or having them stop by my classroom to say hi.*

### Is there anything else you would like to add?

*I would like to thank all teachers who put in so much time and energy every single day and of course to the family who nominated me!*

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