

David Douglas Arthur Academy Families:

I am so excited to begin my fifth year with the Arthur Academy family! I can honestly say I have learned more in the past four years through Arthur Academy than I have in my previous years as an educator in both public and private schools. I greatly admire and appreciate the Direct Instruction model and how Arthur Academy harmoniously balances the importance of rigorous academics with the passion and love for children and the community as a whole.

I was born and raised in Portland and attended Concordia University where I graduated with a degree in elementary education, grades kindergarten through 8th. I also completed my Masters of Education through Warner Pacific College and recently completed my second Masters and licensure in Curriculum and Instruction through Concordia University!

I have two children: Evan who is 9 years old Eli who is 7 years old. Both Evan and Eli attend the Reynolds Arthur Academy in Troutdale. We also have nine rescue cats, four rabbits, a beautiful black Arabian mare horse (Artemis), a Lipizzaner stallion (Apollo), a quarter horse mare (Athena), a quarab horse (Dandy), a quarter percheron cross horse (Charlie), and a recently rescued Lipizzaner mare (Simona). We even have a dozen chickens, three ferrets, and some fish. My family loves spending time with our rescue animals as well as baking, hiking, and anything associated with visual arts.

Upon acquiring my Oregon teaching license in 2008, I have had the opportunity to substitute for Gresham-Barlow and Reynolds School District. I also taught 2nd grade for 3 years at Portland Lutheran School. I have had the privilege of teaching science and social studies based projects for approximately two months at three of the Arthur Academy locations prior to transitioning to a 2nd and 3rd grade at Portland Arthur Academy! As a result, the knowledge and skills I have obtained through experiencing various classrooms, curriculum, classroom management strategies...etc. has been incredibly beneficial in assisting my personal development and growth as a teacher.

Teaching has always been a passion for me. I have a love for learning and I would hope that my students would also learn to love learning as much as I do. By making our school a safe, fun and disciplined place for our students, I would hope that they will enjoy coming to our school and learning something new every day. I feel that all children are different and require specific attention and affection for them to flourish. I will strive to be that for each of our students; an educator who loves each child that walks in the door and gives each of them not only an education, but a passion to learn.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children!

Warmest Regards,

Ms. Callison

