



ABOUT MRS. JENNIFER RIPPY – Kindergarten & 1st Grade

WHY I BECAME A TEACHER

BACKGROUND

- I was born and raised in rural Montana, where I was raised in a Christian home. I was the youngest of five children. My Dad was my Math teacher.
- As a teenager, I experienced and observed a situation where a toddler was clearly suffering from neglect. I wished at that time that I could take him home with me to love and shelter him. From that day on, I was determined to make sure any child that I was privileged to work with would find a loving, safe, and nurturing environment to thrive in.

EDUCATION

- Concordia University, Portland, Oregon
- Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with an Early Childhood minor.
- Professional Church Worker in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS).

EXPERIENCE

- Gateway Christian School, St. Louis, MO, 4th grade, 2 years.
- St. Matthew's Lutheran School, St. Louis, MO, 3rd grade. 1 year.
- Grace Lutheran School, Eugene, OR, Preschool Teacher's Aide, 1 year.
- Vallivue School District, Homebound Tutor, 2 years.
- Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, ID, Teacher's Aide, 1 year.
- Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, ID, Kindergarten Teacher, 12 years.
- Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, ID, Kindergarten, 1st grade Teacher, 2 years.

FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS

- I have been married for 31 years and have 3 children who are 24, 23, and 19 years of age.
- I am a homebody who loves stories of any kind, books, TV, or movies. I enjoy them all.

WHY I TEACH AT ZION LUTHERAN

- In 2012, I settled in here at Zion as the Kindergarten teacher, where I have found a love of teaching this age of students. I love teaching them to read, and I can't think of anything I'd rather do.
- I continue to teach at Zion because I love the Lord. This is a special and unique place, where the students are given the kind of love and care that God our Father gives to us. It is a part of everything that we are as a school; we are special children of God, and we teach a Biblical World View so that the students will know their creator and follow Him.

CLASSROOM MISSION STATEMENT

- Pursuing Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.