Teaching Philosophy

I view every single student I have the privilege to instruct as a special gift. As their teacher, it is my responsibility to guide, cultivate and prepare each student for the next step of their academic journey. This will ensure that they have the necessary tools to meet future challenges.

I continually strive to hone my skills as an educator so that I may be able to address my student’s individual needs. We all learn differently and it is my responsibility to present material in a variety of ways to better enable a student’s success.

Two important components of effective learning are encouragement and recognition. I promote my students to put forth their best effort and celebrate their achievements.

Most importantly I persuade my students to believe in themselves and their ability to achieve their goals.

“Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.”

Plato

Accomplishments

I believe that the largest measure of being an effective teacher is the feedback from those I serve; specifically, my students and their parents. I’d like to share some notes I received.

Hi Mrs. Saluccio!

It’s Heather from your class last year! I really wanted to thank you for teaching me what you did. Everything you taught me last year is exactly what I am doing in sixth grade. I have to do current events, foldables, etc… I’m even doing a brochure!

Thank you so much for being such a caring, kind and dedicated teacher. I’m grateful for all your teachings from last year.

Heather

Mrs. Saluccio,

Thank you for seeing my husband and I on Wednesday. Your concern for our daughter is much appreciated. Although she is struggling, she looks forward to going to school and that is because of you.

Sincerely,
(A Student’s Mother)

Educational Background

I graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science Degree.

I am a New Jersey state certified teacher with a concentration in elementary education.

Additional development includes:
- Religious Certification from the Diocese of Trenton
- Continuing education.

Achievements

Advanced Education Committee

Professional Learning Community

Certified Catechist

School Project Coordinator
- Christmas Pageant
- Academic Curriculum Council
- Grade Level, Math PLT
Professional Experience

For the past fifteen plus years, I have been a Catholic school teacher in the Diocese of Trenton. I have instructed fifth, seventh and eighth grades. As a product of Catholic education, I feel fortunate to be an educator in a faith-based environment.

My previous corporate experience includes working for a major hospital system as well as the nation’s largest health care provider. In that arena my responsibilities included staffing, training and managing personnel. This experience gives me invaluable insight into the skills necessary for my students to meet future career challenges.

Personal Background

I am a lifelong member of the St. Joseph community and a proud graduate of both the grade school and the high school.

As a parent, I wanted my son to experience the benefits of a Catholic education. He has furthered our tradition and is also a proud alumnus of St. Joseph Grade School and Monsignor Donovan High School.

The Integration of Faith and Learning

“Unless you believe you shall not understand.”
Isaiah 7:9

“Faith and reason are the two forces that lead us to knowledge.”
St. Augustine

“We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves.”
St. Thomas Aquinas

Communication

I strongly believe that my students benefit from open communication between me as their teacher and you as their parents.

My web page on the St. Joseph’s Grade School website has a link to my email address.

Special Note

The artwork for the cover of this brochure was done by one of my students. It was part of my gift for National Teacher’s Appreciation Week.