



ST.BRUNO SCHOOL TEACHER PROFILE

MRS. ANNE KIELBASA

SIXTH GRADE TEACHER

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

I am from Chicago and have lived in the Archer Heights neighborhood for 35 years.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

I received my Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Northern Illinois University in 1981.

I began my teaching career as a fourth-grade teacher in Palatine, Illinois. After having my fourth child, I took some time off to raise them. In 1994, I resumed teaching at St. Bruno and have been here ever since.

HOW DO YOU MOTIVATE YOUR STUDENTS TO GO ABOVE-AND-BEYOND?

Students in my class know that I won't accept less than their best. I constantly encourage them to take pride in their accomplishments and learn from their mistakes. To motivate my students, I try to find real-world connections to what they learn and provide them opportunities to apply problem-solving and critical thinking skills.



WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?

When I began teaching at St. Bruno, the students in my class figured out that they could change the time on the classroom clock quite easily. When a bell rang, and I looked at the clock, I realized that the bell wasn't ringing for lunch, so I assumed that it must be a fire drill. I quickly assembled the students and proceeded to take them out of the building only to realize that we were the only class outside. The giggles from the students indicated that the joke was on me. Needless to say, upon graduation, the class collected money and bought me a watch.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG?

"What a Wonderful World" by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO AS AN EDUCATOR?

"The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book."