

TRISHA MUSE

Why I Teach:

The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires. ~William Arthur Ward

All of us can reflect upon our educational journeys and remember the teachers who had an impact on our lives. You might recollect a teacher who inspired you to have a sincere love for writing. Remember the teacher who took you to the nation's capital for the first time. Think about the teacher who challenged you to speak in front of a group until eventually you couldn't imagine your life without a stage. Then you have the teacher who inspired you to select a career pathway in life, in which you never looked back. I am indebted to the numerous teachers who have shaped me into the individual I am today. Those teachers are the reason I teach...they inspired me to be a great teacher.

My greatest teachers were my parents. They inspired me to work diligently for my education. My dad is a high school chemistry teacher and still has a passion for balancing chemical equations after almost 30 years. I watched my father positively influence the lives of many young adults with his caring personality and unique sense of humor. He was treated with the utmost respect from his students because he found pride in knowing more about them. He is the teacher that no one will ever forget. Even though my mom is a microbiologist she has spent numerous hours in my classroom and the students refer to her as their "other teacher."

I have been teaching for four years, which seems like a short amount of time. Some might consider me a beginning teacher, however I have mastered and become an expert on my students which is obviously the most important part of our job as educators. I teach because I am inspired by my kids. They each have their own story....

I walk into my classroom each day with a smile on my face in hope to inspire all of my students to have a love for learning and to realize two heads are better than one. I want to inspire other colleagues to make the curriculum their own and remember the true reason they became educators, caring about the children we influence. I want to inspire future teachers to know that their career pathway will be rewarding by selecting the educational field.

I want to inspire each of my students to reach for the stars and achieve their dreams. Teachers are the inspiration!

Student Speeches

-Memorie-She inspires us to be generous by showing us everyday how much she cares. I remember on the first day of school, she had all 23 pencil boxes filled with the necessary school supplies we would need for the year. I enjoy coming to school because Mrs. Muse makes our class a family and makes all learning fun. She even invited us to her house for a Christmas party and we can't wait until the luau!

-Vicente-Mrs. Muse inspired me to love my culture and to appreciate where I came from. She started a bilingual book club for Spanish speaking students and parents. This has helped my dad and I learn more English. She even came to our church to learn more Spanish traditions for herself.

-Allie-She inspired us to value our history by researching famous people to be in our wax museum. We learned how these people impacted the world, and Mrs. Muse reminded us that we can also become heroes. It was exciting to dress up like Barbara Walters!

-Zachary-Special Loved Ones Day...she inspired me to remember the special people in my life. We had a Special Loved Ones Day for Valentine's Day to share our writing with everyone to express our appreciation for the wonderful people in our life. My mom and I will never forget that day!