

Karen Allen

My name is Karen M. Allen and I am thrilled to once again be joining my fourth grade counterpart's Catherine Klein on the Turnstone campus and our new counterpart Mary Jo Barrett on the Meyers campus. I have truly enjoyed my last five years here at Rocklin Academy; beginning in first grade and now as a returning fourth grade teacher. I believe that one's enthusiasm for learning is contagious and I can't wait to share my passion for learning with my future students.

I am a local girl who has grown up in this area, moving here from the Bay Area with my family way back in 1976. I have attended and graduated from both a local elementary school and a local high school in Loomis. I also attended Sierra Jr. College here in Rocklin; where I received my Associate Arts Degree in Liberal Studies. From there, I went on to Sacramento State University earning my Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Communication with an emphasis in both Sociology and Psychology. Years after starting a family and working as a technical writer for Electronic Data Systems, I decided to return once more to Sacramento State University in order to obtain my Teaching Credential.

My student teaching and teaching experiences encompass grades K-6th including G.A.T.E. (Gifted and Talented Education) with an emphasis in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.

I have been married to the same wonderful man for 23 years. We have lived in Newcastle for 16 ½ years. Brian and I have two terrific kids. My daughter Katrina is 18 years old and is beginning her first year of college in the fall. My son Derek is 17 years old and is beginning his senior year at Del Oro High school in August.

Fourth grade is a grade where much growth occurs throughout the year. It is my goal to help my students to aspire to do their personal best. I am excited about this upcoming year, as I hope all of you are! I am looking forward to working together with you and your child in order to develop the best educational experience possible.