

Ms. Anne – Founder and Director of Close to My Heart

When did you start Close to My Heart?

The preschool started in the fall of 2009.

History: I have taught all ages and stages of life- kindergarten, toddlers, preschool to high school. I worked as the Dean of Students at a charter school that was preschool – 8th grade, taught at a charter school, taught autistic high school students in a contained classroom environment. I have been in early childhood since 1980!

What is your favorite subject and why?

I love science and music. Music is necessary to teach kids how to read and get the beat, there is a beginning and end, and the students learn how to express language. Science is exploring everything, how things work, and experiments. Science projects that have explosions and excitement really help kids to explore.

What is your favorite book?

For the kids, I like the pigeon books. Those are fun! Pigeon Gets a Cookie is a fun book. The kids memorize it and they can read along. For myself, I love The Book Thief by Markus Zusak.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Other than spend time with my husband, 7 children and new granddaughter, I like to go to the library or go to bookstores. I like to see what is new in kid's literature. I want to get kids more interested in reading books and discovering the world around them.

What is your favorite food?

Porter House because my daughter works there and it's a fun place. I like to try all sorts of ethnic foods because I like to explore different cultures.

What is your favorite season of the year and why?

Fall because of all the wonderful colors, sweaters, crunching of the leaves and a fire. It's just so beautiful!

Do you have any pets?

We have a Great Pyrenees and his name is Frank. He's the size of a mini horse.