

Teacher Spotlight

Who does not remember their kindergarten experience fondly? I still remember my kindergarten teacher. This week's Teacher Spotlight is on **Mrs. Anne Riley**. Mrs. Riley is the **Team Facilitator** for Kindergarten and there is definitely a lot to facilitate. Her day is more than just planning Bear Hunt Day and Earth Day, she and the other kindergarten teachers are responsible for that "first taste" of school, they make it fun for the kids and encourage their love of learning. This is what Mrs. Riley had to say...

Tell us about you in a nutshell: My husband, Paul, and I will be celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary on November 8th. We have three children, Lindsay who is 27, Sarah who is 25, and Patrick who is 21. Sarah got married this past May and Lindsay is planning her wedding for June 4th of 2016. Patrick is a senior at Villanova. I was very lucky to have grown up in a large family with two parents who were wonderful role models. I have four brothers and two sisters. I became a teacher because I grew up working at a summer camp in New Hampshire and loved being around children. After I tried the business world I decided I really wasn't cut out for it and I really wanted to be a teacher. So I went back to school for my Ed. Degree.

Where did you grow up: I grew up in Attleboro, Massachusetts, where my mom still lives.

Where did you go to College: I have an undergraduate degree in Business which I received at Villanova. My graduate degree is in education which I received from Immaculata.

What is your Favorite Color: Pink

What is your Favorite Song or Movie or both: I don't really have a favorite song. I just like to sing along with the radio in the car. My favorite movie would have to be The Sound of Music.

What is your favorite book: So many... Not sure I have one that is my all-time favorite....

Do you have any Hobbies/play any sports or collect anything special: My husband would say that I spend way too much time playing tennis. I love to play both tennis and golf.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? I'd like to do a bike trip and wine tour in France or Italy.

What was your favorite subject in elementary school? P.E. Hands down

What food do you dislike the most? Lima beans!

When you were a kid, was your bedroom messy or neat? I shared my room with my sister and it was usually pretty neat.

If you could have lunch with anyone famous who would it be and what would you ask them? Roger Federer (Pro tennis player) and his whole family. I would ask him if he could reach out to other famous athletes and share with them how he can be successful at his sport, spend time with his family and still be a positive, role model who is humble.

Vanilla or Chocolate? Chocolate **Sweet or Salty?** Salty **Favorite Candy?** Swedish Fish

What is the one thing that you always remember your Mom or Dad telling you that has stuck with you growing up? Treat others how you would like to be treated.