

My Name is Nancy Stinson

...and I'm passionate about teaching God's precious children. I love my life as a teacher and have never thought of it as just a job, but a huge portion of the person I am. It has been my passion and, more importantly, my mission for more than 30 years. I met my husband Tim, here at PAES my first year of teaching. We have two wonderful grown children, Molly and Taylor. Spending time together as a family, gardening, "vintage junking," traveling and working on new school projects are my hobbies. I love sports—especially those played by the Oregon Ducks!

If you want to feel energized, inspired and joyful, stop by my classroom for a visit. After spending a few minutes with these wonderful seven and eight year olds, you'll know why I feel blessed each day to teach 2nd grade at PAES.

My Classroom Philosophy

My philosophy of education is that learning can and should be purposeful, engaging, ever-changing and fun! It is said that you must first secure a child's heart before having a shot at teaching them any content. I strive to provide a warm and welcoming environment where students feel they are "at home" in my classroom with their school family. My goal is for my students to develop a love of learning and be lifelong learners, while daily drawing closer to a deeper relationship with God. My classroom management theory is simple—I set clear expectations, procedures and I believe in each student individually. By building relationships and taking interest in my students, they work hard each day growing spiritually, academically and amongst their peers.



Why I Choose to Work in Christian Education

I'm often asked why I chose to teach at a Christian school. I didn't—God opened that door and placed me here to receive daily blessings from the students I teach. There is no better way to begin and end each day than sharing in praise, worship, prayer and God's Word with my students. To hear a child pray for a parent, praise God for answered prayer or have a class discussion about heaven is heartwarming. There is nothing more rewarding than praying with or for my students, or having a former student stop by to visit. I could go on and on, but stop by yourself and visit anytime!

