



My name is Maren Washburn. I started volunteering at Freedom Academy when the school opened in 2002. This volunteer time sparked my interest in pursuing a degree in teaching. In the fall of 2005 I began working here as an aide in the first grade, and I began teaching full time in February 2007. I graduated with my Level 1 teaching license and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Utah Valley State College (UVU) in 2007. In 2010 I earned my Utah Level 2 teaching license, making me what Utah State considers a "highly qualified" teacher.

I am the oldest of four siblings, my family members are my best friends. I've been married since 2007 and we are lucky to have both our families in the area. We have a little Dachshund/Pomeranian puppy who is as funny looking as the mix sounds.

My favorite places to visit are Disneyland and Costa Rica. I love mountain biking, snowboarding, skateboarding, wakeboarding, and surfing. I also enjoy playing percussion, watching old movies, and playing with my puppy.

My favorite books are:

The Westing Game By: Ellen Raskin

Hunger Games By: Suzanne Collins

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane By: Kate DiCamillo

The Pigeon picture book series by Mo Willems

Each year teaching is a new and exciting adventure. I look forward to meeting each individual student and learning together as a class.