

Name: Elena Self

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What do you teach: Math, Reading and Writing from K to 5<sup>th</sup> (SpEd)

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Number of years teaching: 24

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Number of years at Brookwood: This is my second year

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Hometown: Oviedo in Spain

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Student Interviewing Teacher: Emily Sowa, 4<sup>th</sup> grader

Questions:

1) What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?

I enjoy working with children. They fill me up with joy and energy. I feel I can help them to learn and to feel better about themselves.

2) What is your favorite thing to do outside of Brookwood and how did you become interested in that particular activity?

I love to read (books, kindle, tablet, graphic novels, ALL), I enjoy taking walks and visiting friends. and I love to travel. Travel is in me, I love to see cities, towns, villages, museums, buildings, art and nature. I love the variety of the world and to listen to different languages and see different people.

3) Name one of your favorite songs or books right now and what you like about them?

I like to read the Classics, the mysteries, the bestsellers and I adore children's books. My favorites are young adult books. Reading gives you a peek of other people's lives and different ways of thinking. Right now I am reading Jane Eyre (re-reading) and The epic Fail of Arturo Zamora (young adult book).

Kids Choice -

1) What is something surprising about you?

I was born and raised in Spain and my 3 sons are Spaniards. My husband is the librarian at McWhirter, he is bilingual but he was born in Texas.

I was an Environmentalist in Spain for 10 years before coming here. I was an assistant principal in this district for 9 years.

2) Make up a question:

This is the question from Emily: If you were in the desert and you could bring just one food... what would you bring?

I would bring cheese with crackers and apples and grapes. Yummy!!!! I will need a lot of water also.