



Mercy Nelson
Teacher, Second Grade
At HSCS since 2018

Education: BA Anthropology, 2001, Idaho State University
MA Special Education, 2009, Idaho State University
Idaho Habilitative Intervention Certification, 2018
First Aide/CPR, 2018
Idaho Teaching Credential, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2017

Experience: Paraprofessional 1 year
Special Education 5 years
Substitute Teacher 2 years
Teacher 1st, 2nd, 3rd grade for 3 years

Interests: I was raised in Blackfoot but Pocatello has been my hometown for 30 years. I live in a tiny house with my Black Lab/Blue Heeler mix (Fishdog), and 3 cats: Junior, Trudy, and Sabrina. I have a 19-year-old son named Rio, who lives in Pocatello and will be volunteering on occasion in the classroom. I enjoy doing artwork, fishing, traveling, bird-watching (especially raptors), playing guitar, dancing, cooking, meditation and yoga. I have traveled in Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Thailand, Myanmar . My son and I are going to Spain (Barcelona, Valencia, and Saint Sebastian) next summer, and I still want to visit Morocco, India, Brazil, and Iceland. I want to become fluent in Spanish . In the future, I plan to grow a victory garden and have chickens, goats, and horses. I also think it would be cool to win Project Runway and Iron Chef.