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Marisol Rodriguez

Teacher at McClure Elementary



Meet Mrs. Marisol Rodriguez, third-grade teacher at McClure Elementary. When you meet Marisol, her kind and caring demeanor radiates through her genuine positivity and warm smile. You may know her after teaching for years at GSD, but some may not know her background.

Marisol was born and raised in Grandview, and is the oldest of five siblings-two brothers and two sisters. Marisol shares, "Family is very important to me, and I cherish spending time with my loved ones. Especially on the weekends."

Graduating from GHS in 2010, she was the Salutatorian of her class and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Central Washington University graduating in 2014. Marisol continued her education by earning a Master's degree from Walden University in 2020, specializing in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

Happily married for over six years, Marisol and her husband love traveling together, exploring new places, and experiencing different cultures. Marisol says, "Whether it's a weekend getaway or an international adventure, we enjoy discovering the world and making lasting memories."

When asked what her favorite part about teaching is, Mrs. Rodriguez says, "My favorite part about teaching is seeing my students' smiles as they grow academically and they realize how capable they truly are. It is truly amazing to witness their transformation from shy little third-graders at the beginning of the year, to confident, capable scholars by the time they leave my classroom." She continues, "It is also such a heartwarming experience when past students come back and say hello!"

Marisol says she is "thrilled" to be in her 11th year as a third-grade teacher at McClure Elementary, and says she chose this career because she is "passionate about making a difference in children's lives, and fostering a love for learning." Marisol continues, "My goal is to create a supportive and engaging classroom where every student can grow academically, socially, and emotionally."

When asked what advice she would give a starting teacher, Mrs. Rodriguez replied, "If I could give advice, it would be to start each day with a positive attitude, and take the time to get to know each child in their room. It is amazing how much of a difference it makes when students know that you love and care about them. Building strong relationships with my students helps them feel safe, supported, and eager to learn."