



Meet 3rd Grade teacher Kristen Popma

Where I went to college: I went to Salem State University for my undergraduate in education and UMASS Lowell for my masters and licensure in special education.

Where I grew up: I grew up in a very small town in the Berkshires (western MA). My graduating class had a total of 50 people!

Why I became a teacher: I knew it was what I wanted to do after I experienced working in an elementary classroom in high school.

Best vacation I've ever taken: The best vacation I have ever taken was when I traveled to Riviera Maya, Mexico for my sister's wedding. It was the best vacation because it was one of the few times my whole family was able to travel at the same time and spend a vacation together.

Favorite restaurant: Galleria Umberto's in the North End has the best pizza!

Favorite dessert: Anything strawberry flavored

Favorite sports team: I love all Boston sports teams, however, the Patriots are by far my favorite.

Favorite show: Current top 3 are Manifest, This is Us and A Million Little Things

In the summer, you will find me: On the beach in Cape Cod or doing something outside enjoying the nice weather.

What I like best about teaching third grade is that the students are fun and eager to learn. It is exciting to watch them become more independent and complex in their thinking.

One thing I wish all students knew: I wish all students knew that they have the power and potential to make a difference.