

My name is Debbie Rech. I am originally from Anderson, Indiana. Anderson was my home for the first eighteen years of my life. After I graduated from Anderson Highland High School, I attended Ball State University where I received my Bachelor of Science in Education degree. It was there that I met Ken, my husband. After college I lived in Indianapolis for two years. The first year I taught a second/third grade split class. As you guessed, it was a huge challenge. The next year the numbers were lower and there was no position for me so I was a tutor and I worked at a restaurant. My meals at that time consisted of macaroni and cheese and Ramon noodles. My lucky break came when The School City of Hobart hired me, and other than getting married and giving birth to my two children, it was the happiest day of my life. In June of 2005 I received my Master of Science in Education degree from Capella University. I have been teaching for nineteen years, and it has been a fabulous experience.

As I said earlier, I have two children. Ryan is eighteen years old and is a senior at Lake Central High School. He has a social calendar that I can't begin to keep up with. He works at Kelsey's and is hopefully going to Purdue next fall. My daughter, Kayla, is fifteen and is a sophomore. She is a goal setter. She saved up enough of her babysitting money to buy a laptop. I know! Impressive! We are currently arguing because she wants to have a 'real job.' Her babysitting money just isn't enough. Our other family members include: Ozzie the cat, Maggie and Na Na the dogs, and Rex the bearded dragon.

My husband, Ken, and I will be celebrating our twenty first anniversary in October. As a family we enjoy going to Sanibel Island, Florida every summer. We also love to camp and we go as many times as possible during the warmer months. Spending time with friends and family is also a high priority.

I am looking forward to another great teaching adventure that this year will bring. Furthermore, I am excited about getting to know all the little people that will enter my room with open minds and anticipation. Children are the gateway to the future and I am willing to do whatever it takes to get them there.