

## Personal Video

### **About Me**

- Name, married 18 years/Husband, Kids, Pets
- Hobbies, Sports, Favorite Books
- Previously attended ASU after High School
- Veterinary Medicine
- Stay at Home Mom-went crazy
- Substitute teacher – Fell in love with Teaching

### **As a Teacher**

- Most of my hopes and dreams in life have come true...family
- My philosophy for my classroom and teaching comes from my experience substitute teaching, specifically in resource and self-contained classrooms.
- Many students have such a low self-esteem when it comes to education and their abilities.
- A book recommended by a student, *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mulla Hunt, also inspired my teaching philosophy.
- A quote from this book, taken from Albert Einstein, sums up my classroom philosophy best:  

**“Everyone is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will spend its whole life thinking that it is stupid.”**
- My classroom is centered on respect for one another
- Expectations for my students are no different than what I expect out of my own children when they are in school.

## Technology

### *Classroom Technology:*

-Classrooms have changed and advanced so much

-Availability & Use of Technology has opened up so much for teachers & students in the classroom.

- Smartboard
- Google Classroom
- Kahoot!
- Padlet
- WordPress/Internet Publishing

### *Professional Technology:*

-Webinars online for training/PD

-Brain Pop!, fun tool for classroom that integrates Lesson Plans & PD for teachers

-Lesson Plans that align with state standards

-Access to templates for rubrics & other tools

-Parent & Student Communication tools

-Example is Harry Potter webinar for ELA teachers to integrate in classroom – PD

## Closing

-As a teacher of ELA, I'm sure it makes sense that I am a lover of words. I love the power and creativity each word holds when it is used or said. I think Albus Dumbledore said it best when he said,

***“Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remedying it.”***

*Harry Potter Deathly Hallows*

-Now that you know a little about me, I hope you are as excited as I am to meet all of you. See you soon!