



Teacher Feature

Hillary Nasso loves math so much that when she was in high school she saved her math homework until the end “like it was dessert!”

Meadowbrook’s math specialist started at the school 13 years ago as a kindergarten teacher. She then taught fifth grade for nine years, and just two years ago, she decided she was ready for a new challenge. She now works with students in every grade, primarily focusing on helping children who need extra support in math. She also coaches teachers on how to teach math. At one point, she thought an administrative job was in her future, and she earned a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Loyola University. However, she stopped looking for an administrative job when she realized how much she enjoys the daily challenges of meeting each child’s different needs.

Teaching is actually a second career for Dr. Nasso. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a degree in Economics and later earned an MBA at NYU while also working as a CPA and financial analyst in New York. She left the business world when her children were born to pursue her “dream job” of full-time motherhood. “My mom was a stay-at-home mom and my role model,” said Dr. Nasso, adding, “She took her job very seriously.”

Dr. Nasso says staying home for 11 years to care for her two children was both physically and emotionally exhausting, but she is grateful that she had the opportunity to do it. “I have the best memories of making homemade playdough and baking with them.” When she was ready to go back to work, she started subbing while looking for a finance job and fell in love with teaching.

As a child, Dr. Nasso moved frequently because of her father’s corporate career. Her family stayed the longest in Grand Rapids, MI where they lived for six years while Dr. Nasso was in junior high and high school. As a result of all the moving, she says she’s really good at packing and organizing. She also said it made her appreciate the relationships she was able to develop while in college and is still very involved with the friends she made there. However, she’s going to miss seeing that group at her college reunion this coming Memorial Day weekend because she has other plans. She’s getting married on May 27th, but don’t expect to see pictures of a big celebration. “It’s super low-key. Twenty people in all with all the people that matter most in our lives,” she said. She and her fiancé are hoping for a honeymoon next Winter Break to see his family in Israel.

You will see Dr. Nasso next Tuesday at Meadowbrook’s Math Family Night. “It’s a nice opportunity for kids to interact with their parents with fun games at school.”

Fun Facts about Dr. Nasso

- Loves Denzel Washington and treasures an autographed photo of him.
(A student got the picture for her by writing the actor’s agent saying his teacher is a big fan.)
- Calls herself a “crazy cat lady.”
- Joins a group once a week for Israeli Folk Dancing.

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