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I love SJE... because it is my second home. The children love and learn here. We become their teachers, mentors, friends, and guardians. We have a deep respect for each individual student and their families. Think about how much time students spend in class; shouldn't we be supportive of their learning? We are extremely supportive here at SJE!!!

We go above and beyond... For the last 15 or so years, I have been the M.A.T.H. Bowl Coordinator and Coach. It is awesome to prepare students for a math competition - a competition that measures knowledge, not athletic ability. We tend to score very high in the M.A.T.H. competition, of which I am very proud. I have also coached the current 8th grade boys volleyball team since they were in 5th grade. We are looking forward to a winning season!!

Learning is Fun... In January we start Astronaut training. My favorite thing to teach about is space!! We attend the Challenger Learning Center each February. In May, the fifth grade has a special "Mary Box." The box has a statue, rosaries and a prayer service outline. The box gets passed nightly to a different fifth grader to be shared with his/her family.