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I love SJE... because it is my second home! The children love and learn here. We become not only their teachers, but their 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 their time be in a supportive learning atmosphere?

We go above and beyond... For the last 20+ 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. This past year 2023/2024 the SJE Math Bowl team ranked top ten in the state of Indiana. Hooray!

Learning is Fun... In January we start Astronaut training! Every child is fully immersed in this great learning adventure. It's been my favorite thing to teach, our solar system, our Earth, gravity and space!! We attend the Challenger Learning Center each February and run a simulated space mission. This seems to be a favorite memory for most 8th graders.