

# Janet Bridgers

## ***Professional Bio***

Janet is a life-long learner whose energy and passion centers on education. Her desire to teach began with her first career as a dietitian. During those 16 years as a dietitian, her focus was on nutrition education of patients across New Mexico. As her children went through their years at school, she saw the positive impact good teaching can have on children and decided to choose elementary education as a second career. Within two years of setting her goal to become an elementary teacher, she completed New Mexico teaching certification requirements, a one year internship teaching science, and obtained her Masters Degree in Elementary Education. While completing her degree, she gained experience substitute teaching at Georgia O'Keeffe Elementary School. She has been teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade since 2007!

## ***Educational Philosophy***

Every child has a natural curiosity which is the platform for learning. Children will respond to assurance and affirmation more positively than set of rules. You can't expect others to learn unless you yourself are a lifelong learner. Learning is accomplished via example as well as instruction. The discipline formed through education is the requisite for the discipline of faith.

