

Hello! My name is Mrs. Long. I grew up in the land of sunshine, Brandon, Florida. I have enjoyed many trips to the beach and Disney World while growing up. After graduating from college, I met my husband, Lawrence Long who grew up in Augusta, Georgia. We have two whippets and a rat terrier. The hobbies that I enjoy doing on my free time are biking, playing tennis with my husband, and swimming. I also enjoy landscaping my yard; I love making beautiful scenic areas to enjoy while I read and talk with friends. Lastly, I have discovered a love for gardening and decorating rooms in my home.

I have a BS in Elementary Education and a Masters degree, *Technology in the Classroom*. I have been teaching for 22 years, and I have taught several different grade levels. However, I love teaching first grade the most by far. I have had the privilege to teach first grade students for the past 6 years. As a teacher, I love making student leaders by teaching them the art of following directions and self discipline. Reading is my favorite grade to teach because I receive a joy from teaching students to read independently as well as, helping them to discover that reading is enjoyable. In

closing, I love making learning fun and meaningful, as well as, helping students feel the pride and confidence in the growth that they achieve in academic and social areas.