

Mrs. Misty Blais is our Title I teacher. She was born in Sarasota, FL and has one brother. Her parents owned a cabinet shop, and the family had a Doberman pinscher. Growing up, Mrs. Blais liked to read Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown, and she liked to watch *The Smurfs* on TV. She also enjoyed playing volleyball.

Mrs. Blais went to Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, FL where her favorite subject was math. After high school she went to the University of South Florida in Tampa. She enjoyed learning about how to become a better instructor, but she didn't particularly like her speech class. She decided to become a teacher because she was inspired by her first grade teacher who made learning lots of fun.

Before teaching here in Pittsburg, Mrs. Blais taught at Myakka River Elementary School in Florida. She has been a teacher for 17 years. Asked what she likes about teaching, she replied, "seeing students understand new concepts." Currently, she teaches math and reading. She really likes teaching math because she feels that students need exposure to different ways of thinking, and she is allowed to show them that there are different ways to master a concept in math. She has many different projects that she likes using with her students and likes to have her students set goals for themselves and then monitor and reassess these goals. Asked why she likes teaching at Pittsburg School, Mrs. Blais said, "I love how we are like a big family; everyone takes care of everyone."

Mrs. Blais and her husband have five pets. She has three dogs: a cattle dog named Piper, a mix named Gracie, and a teacup Chihuahua named Jake. Her cats are Zoey and Blue. She likes to read mysteries in her spare time. She feels that her best talent is listening. She said, "I feel that if someone needs to talk, I am there to listen."

Mrs. Blais said that her most memorable vacation was seven months long. She and her husband traveled all over the United States camping in their camper. They hiked in National parks, and they were able to explore some beautiful parts of our country. In her spare time, Mrs. Blais likes to travel and hike. She says, "I love to explore different places to hike to. It is an adventure."

Favorites:

- Disney character: Eeyore
- Ice cream: maple walnut
- Breed of dog: all dogs
- Holiday: Christmas
- Sport: volleyball
- Sports team: Detroit Red Wings
- Outside activity: hiking
- Vacation place: Escalante, UT
- TV show: The Big Bang Theory
- Movie: Ever After
- Type of vehicle: Mercedes AMG GLC 43 SUV
- Singer: Highwomen

- Type of music: Folk/independent
- Dream place to visit: Ireland to see the land, cliffs and castles.