

My name is Toni Collins. I grew up in a small town in Minnesota and moved to Florida about 5 years ago. I graduated from St. Cloud State University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and am Florida State Certified. I began teaching at Somerset Academy shortly after I moved here and have been with the school ever since. I have taught kindergarten, a 2nd/3rd multi-age class, and am currently teaching 2nd grade. This past January, I began taking classes to earn my Reading Endorsement. When I complete this program, I plan on working towards a master's degree in Educational Leadership. I would eventually like to be part of the administration team at the school.

I wanted to be a teacher since I can remember. I was the student taking home all of the extra books during the summer so I could play school with my brothers and sisters. From the time I was very young I have had a love of learning and it is this love that has gotten me this far in my education and job. I believe that it is my job to foster that same love for learning as my teachers did so many years ago. I also believe in a structured yet positive learning environment for students.