



Ruth Bammes will be stepping back into the classroom after serving for 6 years as our Academic Dean. Mrs. Bammes began teaching third grade at Topeka Collegiate in 1991. She taught third grade for two years, before moving to second grade at the beginning of the 1993-94 school year when her son, **Nathan Bammes '99**, was going into third grade. She taught second grade at Topeka Collegiate from 1993 to 2013.

Mrs. Bammes earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in curriculum and instruction from Kansas State University. She also holds a reading specialist certification.

While she has enjoyed assuming responsibility for all academic affairs and being a part of the leadership team, she missed being in the classroom and teaching students.

"Working with our leadership team and all the members of the faculty has been a wonderful experience that has stretched and challenged me and caused me to grow both professionally and personally. However, I am really excited to return to the classroom. It feels like going home," Ruth Bammes explains.

We are thrilled to have this master teacher back in the classroom!