

Lisa Adame – Second Grade

Lisa Adame brings more than ten years of teaching experience and an artistic sensibility to the second grade classroom. She has worked in the Topeka and Auburn-Washburn school districts, teaching first and second grades and working with English language learners. "I love this age," she says. "It's fun to see how quickly the children grow and change, both academically and emotionally."

Prior to her time in Kansas, Mrs. Adame taught in Nebraska and North Dakota. Most recently, she has been a practicing artist, with her own studio in Topeka's NOTO arts district. "I feel fortunate," she says, "because Topeka Collegiate, with its thematic units, will allow me to incorporate art and creativity in the classroom. I've missed that, with all the emphasis on testing (in public schools). The arts are important to giving children a well-rounded education."

Mrs. Adame has used both the math and reading programs that TCS uses at other schools, and brings a familiarity with those tools, along with additional insight gained from her study of ELL (English Language Learning). "My study was based on reading, writing, listening and speaking," she explains, "so I have lots of ideas to help children reach their goals in those areas."

Mrs. Adame will continue to create art for her NOTO studio, but she's happy to be back in the classroom. "I missed teaching," she smiles, "So when I saw this job posting I thought, 'it's meant to be!'"

Academic Dean Ruth Bammes will serve as a mentor for Mrs. Adame.

