



Hello! My name is Rachel Ahlstrom and I currently teach first grade at Freedom Academy. I grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the youngest of five children. I graduated from Brigham Young University in December 2005 with a major in Early Childhood Education and a minor in Human Development. I taught first grade for a year in Jordan School District before coming to Freedom Academy. While at Freedom Academy, I have taught first grade and kindergarten. Both grades are near and dear to my heart, as I love teaching students to read. Due to my love of reading and of teaching children to read, I am currently attending the University of Utah in order to earn my master's of education with a level two reading endorsement. One of my goals is to make sure every child leaves my classroom reading and loving to read. I know having a love of reading instilled in me has opened numerous doors throughout my life.

While I will readily admit teaching and learning are my favorite hobbies, I do find time for other hobbies. A few of my other hobbies are rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, camping, reading, running, yoga, and knitting. I like to keep myself active and just enjoy all the moments that make life wonderful.

Miss Ahlstrom