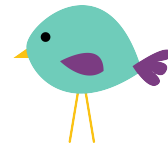


MEET YOUR TEACHER . . .

Zoe Solomon - 1st Grade



Hometown: Los Angeles, CA. I currently live in South Boulder.

Education & employment: Following my graduation from Colorado College in 2013, I spent two years as an assistant teacher in a Waldorf Kindergarten classroom. During my time with the Friends Teacher Preparation Program in 2017 I worked with a mentor teacher at BCSIS in Boulder. After graduating from the TPP, I taught in a first grade classroom in Jeffco before coming to Friends last school year, and now here!

Q. How did you know that you wanted to become a teacher?

I had a job working with three- to six-year-olds for two years when I first moved to Boulder. I absolutely loved the relationships that I formed with each student. Additionally, learning about each student, as well as helping them to navigate the world around them, brought me such joy. It was then that all my values, interests and experiences aligned to help me realize that teaching was what I wanted to do!

Q: What made you want to work at Friends School?

The mission and vision of Friends school so deeply aligns with my values as a teacher. I am beyond thrilled to work in a setting where children are truly seen for who they are. Additionally, Friends School sees and upholds the values of teaching the whole child. It is a wonderful, supportive community of educators, students, families and staff. Each person works to make it the special place that it is and I am happy to come to work at Friends School each day!

Q. What are you most excited about when it comes to teaching?

One of my favorite parts of teaching is forming relationships with my students and their families. Having a partnership allows me and the students to dive into our learning in a meaningful and engaging way. I love seeing students learn and grow and turn into confident and curious people.

Q. What Friends School tradition, in your grade or for the entire school, do you most love and why?

It is hard to choose! I loved celebrating Harvest Festival this year, because it was so fun making soup with and feasting with my students and their families.



Q. What's your favorite unit or lesson?

I loved our unit on penguins! This unit was super hands-on and integrated across all areas. We were able to act out various penguin experiences including SEL lessons related to Emperor Penguin huddles and reenacting their migration. We studied their adaptations to the cold in science, wrote and read Penguin stories, and made penguin art!

Q: What's your go-to snack?

My go-to snack is usually some sort of cheese. I am also really enjoying eating dried persimmons as of late!

Q. How do you recharge?

I recharge by getting outside with friends and family. I like to hike, bike, ski, go for a walk, knit, and eat delicious food! I am loving being an aunt to my 2-year-old nephew as well!