



Dear Aldrin Parents:

I'd like to introduce myself to you; I am Jane Cox, Reading Specialist at Aldrin Elementary School. I have been teaching for 29 years; the past thirteen years have been as a reading specialist. This is my third year at Aldrin.

Over my career I have taught kindergarten, first, and second grade and have worked with students K -6. I received my Bachelor's degree from SUNY Cortland and my master's degree from Virginia Tech.

I believe all children can learn to read. Each child is unique and learns in different ways. Our job is to structure children for success.

I believe in a balanced literacy approach to teaching reading. This means providing instruction that helps children to be able to use phonetic, semantic and structural information while decoding. Here, at Aldrin, we teach reading comprehension strategies which help children to understand how to interpret what they have read. These strategies are:

- Making Connections
- Asking questions
- Inferring
- Determining importance
- Summarizing
- Synthesizing

My husband, Dave and I have three sons and a daughter. Our greatest joy is our granddaughter, Taylor. Two of our sons will be married this year, should be a very hectic year.

In my free time I love to bike, garden, swim, read and write. You can always find me with a book or my Kindle in hand.

I will be hosting a series of **Coffee with the Reading Teacher** this year. The first is Jan. 24, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Aldrin Library. I hope you can join me.

Sincerely,

Jane Cox

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