

# About Your Teacher Mrs. Payne

I grew up in a loving home, the oldest of 6 children (5 girls and 1 boy). When I was very young I saw my dad reading the newspaper each day, and so I decided to learn to read—straight out of the newspaper.



I was born in Virginia and then grew up in Texas, Oklahoma, and Nevada. I learned to love rainstorms during tornado seasons in the South. I graduated from BYU (Go Cougars!) and studied abroad in Jerusalem for 6 months. My favorite memories there were hiking to the top of Mt. Sinai in Egypt and snorkeling in the Red Sea.

My husband, Lynn Payne, is a real estate investor/agent, and our family has had many adventures with his business. My three children and I spent a lot of time at the library when they were young, and we all love a good book. As a family, we enjoy board games, hiking, and attending plays together.

I began my teaching career in 2009 at Sunset View Elementary. From 2015-2018 I served as the Early Childhood Specialist for Provo City School District. It was so rewarding to work with the community in supporting early literacy and to organize the beginnings of our new Title I preschools. As a full-time District Instructional Coach, I also mentored new teachers from preschool through 6th grade, designed and facilitated professional development courses, and coached teachers in their classrooms.

I joined Wasatch in 2018. I'm so happy to be with my very own students again, and feel very blessed to be a part of the Wasatch community!