

JERI MELLOR

Jeri Mellor was raised here in Utah County, graduated from American Fork High School, then attended Southern Utah State College (now SUU) as a Social Science Composite Major. Life threw some unforeseen curveballs which necessitated a change in direction, and Jeri spent the next several years working in the airline industry, working in, and then managing a group home for people with disabilities, and serving as the administrative assistant to the UVU director of facilities services. When Jeri and her husband welcomed the first of their 4 children, she left the "paid workforce" and joined the ranks of full-time mothers. Jeri believes strongly in the importance of having choice in education. She firmly advocates for all families to have the right to choose the educational situation that is the best fit for their child. She strongly believes that the education of the rising generation should be a partnership between the student, the parents, and the educators. Jeri has spent the last 7 years working as a 3rd grade teachers' aide at Reagan Academy, including a 3-month period of time when she was asked to take on the position of long term sub, when the 3rd grade achievement specialist had to quit unexpectedly. Jeri loves teaching, especially those moments when the light goes on in a child's eyes when they have been struggling with an idea or concept and it finally "clicks." Jeri is looking forward to serving on the Merit board and hopes to contribute in a positive way to the culture and mission of Merit Academy.

