



# Jennifer Peeble

## French Teacher

Jennifer Peebles is delighted to begin her journey at the WISE, teaching Grades 2-5 French this year. Growing up on a competitive dog sled racing farm in first rural Saskatchewan and then rural Alberta, Jennifer developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors and a passion for adventure. Caring for the animals and competing in this sport fostered her enthusiasm for embracing all kinds of weather. To quote the Swedish Proverb *"There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes."* Her global experiences and varied background enrich her teaching approach, reflecting her commitment to creativity and education.

Jennifer earned her Baccalauréat en Éducation from the University of Alberta's Campus St. Jean and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Drama from Augustana University in Camrose. She continued her lifelong learning path with a TEFL Certificate (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) from TEFL International in Prague (Czech Republic) and a Mentor Artist-Educator Certificate from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. Her professional journey includes years of substitute teaching (while working as an artist) as well as teaching Grade 6 Science and Language Arts for St. Albert Public Schools. She adored her time working with Learning Through the Arts (Royal Conservatory of Music), where she developed and implemented curriculum-based lessons using theatre and drama techniques with ages ranging from 5-14 years old in both English and French.

Jennifer has also had the joy and privilege to work in diverse cultural and international contexts. At L'Unithéâtre (here in Edmonton) she facilitated French theatre workshops. Her work with Associazione Culturale Linguistica Educational toured her through Italy as an actor and workshop facilitator, teaching English through drama for various age groups with. Her role as a Dramatic English Workshop Facilitator in Guangzhou, China, and at Abu Dhabi Grammar School further demonstrates her versatility and dedication to using theatre as an educational tool.

In addition to her teaching role at WISE, Jennifer contributes to the arts community by creating new theatre for young audiences with Kompany Family Theatre, teaching at the French preschool 'Les Causeries', and curating the teen portion of a multi disciplinary arts festival. She recently authored a chapter in the book *Weaving Hope Through Our Education System*, reflecting her commitment to innovative educational practices and her belief in the importance of art and its community in our lives.

Outside of her professional life, Jennifer enjoys crafting with her 5-year-old daughter, binge-reading a good book, skiing, yoga, and exploring new places.

Jennifer is excited to bring her experiences and passions to the WISE and looks forward to a fulfilling year with her students.