

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education (K-5) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Masters degree in Elementary Education from Pfeiffer University. She has taught kindergarten and first grade in North Carolina Public Schools since 1987. She currently teaches in the K-1 loop at Community School of Davidson, a position she has held since CSD opened as a NC Public Charter School in 2004. She and husband, Jim, are parents to three children: one in college, one in high school and one in elementary school.

Lisa believes whole-heartedly in the philosophy of CSD and that this approach to education is what is best for all children. She believes deeply in the importance of educating the whole child. Dr. Ernest Boyer, author of *The Basic School*, once said, "I've never learned how to separate my own life into little boxes. Being a person with profession, family, emotional and spiritual parts, I've never known how to pull them apart and present just part of me in any situation. The head and the heart can't be seen as unrelated, and the only way to live is integratively. What we're trying to do in education involves thinking of the whole child. Children aren't little detached cerebrums running around--they're people, little people--and the best education is that which sees them as emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual" *From Legacy of a Statesman: A Final Interview with Ernest Boyer 1928-1995, President of the Carnegie Foundation By Chuck Johnson, Editor for Teachers in Focus, 1995.*

Professional training highlights:

- Balanced Literacy
- Assessing Math Concepts
- Building Classroom Community
- Reader's and Writer's Workshop
- Early Literacy
- Math Their Way
- Educating the Whole Child
- Hands On Science
- Reading Recovery Instructional Strategies
- CSD Phonogram and Word Study Program
- Phonemic Awareness and Phonics Instruction
- Observation Survey
- Everyday Math
- Curriculum Integration
- Brain Research
- Basic School
- Special Education Strategies specific to Sensory Integration Issues, Autism/Asperger's, ADHD, Anxiety, learning disabilities, language processing, OCD
- Technology
- CAMMP Math
- Private tutor
- Educational Consultant