

## Getting to know Ms. Bedoya

Jennifer Bedoya is a member of the Fourth Grade Dream Team here at Forest View Elementary and she has been teaching for eight years. Ms. Bedoya has roots in Miami, Florida and Nicaragua. This is her first year teaching at Forest View and we are so lucky to have her.

Ms. Bedoya earned her first degree in business and marketing but, she really didn't like working in that field. She realized she wanted to be a teacher when her father passed away at a young age. She spent a lot of time reflecting about her own life and career choices after he passed away. Jennifer knew that she wanted to do something she considered to be really important with her life. She wanted to make a positive difference in this world and to leave the world a better place than when she entered it.

Ms. Bedoya would describe herself as a mischievous student when she was in school. She felt that school was really difficult, and she goofed around a lot because it was so difficult. Ms. Bedoya has always found that math was the most difficult subject for her to learn. It wasn't until she started graduate school that she started to love school.

Jennifer is a very self-reflective person. One of the things that drives her to keep teaching is that she always wants to do better. Her students depend on her and she considers it an honor to be their teacher. Because of this, she feels she needs to always be better than she was the day before. If she can't be better than she was the day before, it won't be for a lack of trying.

When asked what advice she would give to a new teacher just entering the profession she had a very practical response. "Don't be afraid to ask for help. Don't be so hard on yourself. Be open and flexible to feedback. Collaboration will lift you and your students up."

Jennifer hopes that her students would describe their time with her as the "Best year I've ever had!" If you had the chance to speak to her students, they would tell you that their time with Ms. Bedoya is the best year they've ever had. Ms. Bedoya puts her heart and soul into teaching, and it shows. Her students love her. Her team loves working with her. And Forest View is a better school because she is a part of it