**Who is Mrs. Stone?**

It is with great excitement that I, Mrs. Donna Stone, introduce myself to you as your child’s fifth-grade teacher at Abney Elementary School. I am very proud to be in this school community. This, to me, is an accomplishment, because this school is well-known for its sense of family, and its commitment to excellence. As a veteran educator of 30+ years, I am truly honored to be in this position, and I look forward to working with you and your child.

In my years before coming to Abney, I was previously employed in various teaching positions in both the United States and abroad. This was due to my husband’s career in the Air Force where we deployed to new locations every two years. As you can imagine, moving every two years honed my abilities to pack, as well as, developed my teaching abilities. I was fortunate to obtain new teaching positions where ever we moved, so that I could grow and thrive as an educator. Along with these diverse experiences, moving every two years taught me that change, though challenging, brings many positive experiences.

As you can imagine, the traveling bug expired for my husband and I when we settled in Paulding County in 2002 to raise out two sons, Jonathan, and Zachary. It was then that I obtained a teaching position at McGarity Elementary in Dallas. My energies focused on my family and on my desire to continue to learn. While at McGarity I obtained endorsements as a Teacher Support Specialist, and Reading Specialist. I then returned to college to earn my six-year, Specialist Degree in Curriculum Instruction and then also completed a Gifted Endorsement.

As an “Eagle,” I am passionately committed to developing a school climate that is safe and academically challenging for all students. It is my desire that they discover a love of learning that becomes a life-long passion. Therefore, please feel free to stop by and say “hello” or to send an email. My door is always open, as I believe communication is essential. By working together, we can help your child to develop to his or her fullest potential.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Stone

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