



Close your eyes and imagine. You are entering a stimulating, colorful, and inviting room. When you enter, you are welcomed into a room with the feeling of family. We are a family; taking care and watching out for each other. Our room is positive; the word *can't* is not allowed. We learn to be safe, respectful, and responsible. We discover and explore learning together.

We are bucketfillers! We spend each day filling the buckets of others and spreading God's love! Our learning is interactive and stimulating. Often our teacher overhears us say that we are having so much fun that we do not even realize that we were learning! We go on memorable field trips such as the Parade Company and the Jiffy Mix factory tour. We have the Teddy Bear Parade, 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school celebration, fossil making, and buddy projects. We even get to spend time with SRB senior citizens reading and doing art projects together. We have a cozy reading corner that we go to relax and enjoy a good book. Welcome to First Grade!

You just heard why St. Robert's is special to my students. Why is St. Robert's so special to me? Where do I begin? SRB is like a second home to me. Fresh out of college, I began my teaching career at SRB. Over these past seven years, the staff has helped me to grow and develop personally, professionally, and spiritually.

I love the sense of community at SRB. I was even married here. One of the most special moments for me was when I looked out into the congregation at my wedding and was able to see each and every one of my students in attendance. To have my students and their families there to share in my special day is something that I will never forget.

