

Kerry Griffith has been teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts at Ecker Hill since it opened, and at Treasure Mountain before that. "I grew up in New England, and went to college to become a teacher. After getting my undergrad and graduate degree, I taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Connecticut one year. "

"I heard about Park City from some friends, and decided to move to try the outdoor life. I met some remarkable people teaching at Treasure, and they convinced me to try teaching again. And I've been teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade ever since!"

When asked about the best part of teaching, Kerry replies, "It's the kids. There are an extraordinary number of kids with whom working is a privilege. I was inspired to be a teacher to know that when I was done, that I had made a contribution. And 6<sup>th</sup> graders have a charming blend of the innocence of children and the intellectual curiosity of teenagers. That's why I love it."

And the best moment of the day? "It's the magic that happens when talking and listening to the kids. When a kid has an insight about a book that I've read 1,000 times, that I haven't heard before."

Kerry loves reading literary fiction, of course. He counts Shakespeare, David Foster Wallace, James Joyce, and William Faulkner as favorites, among many. He also plays piano, guitar, and writes songs. "One of my student's parents once commented I am a musician moonlighting as a teacher." He enjoys music as varied as Beethoven, Charlie Parker, and Keith Richards.

He also enjoys time with his family. Fun fact: Kerry is a horologist!