



## Sara Larsen Grade 2 Teacher



Sara first came to the school in the spring of 2018 as a co-teacher for Class 3. The following year she became the Class 1 teacher and stayed with her class up through Grade 5. Sara took a new Class 1 in 2023, which she will be returning to for Class 2.

Sara grew up in the small town of Devon, located just southwest of Edmonton. After graduating high school, she moved to the 'big city' to attend the University of Alberta where she earned her Bachelor of Secondary Education Degree with a major in English and Minor in History/Social Studies. Her plan was to become a high school English teacher, but Sara felt a pull to head in a different direction. Right after graduating from the U of A in 2016, Sara began working as a Library Assistant for the Edmonton Public Library. She enjoyed bringing literacy and play-based programming to children of all ages in many Edmonton communities and supporting newcomers to Edmonton while they followed their paths of life-long learning and development. It was during this time that Sara realized her purpose was to work with children, and she began searching for new opportunities, and thanks to her lucky stars, she found the WISE.

For the past six years, Sara has attended teacher training through the Rudolf Steiner Centre in Toronto and the Rudolf Steiner Center for Anthroposophy in New Hampshire. Sara has served the WISE faculty and students in a leadership capacity as the Elementary Division Chair and coached a Basketball Club for the Junior High students. Welcoming her first class in the first grade and then moving up with them into the fifth grade has been a privilege and a beautiful and humbling journey. Sara is looking forward to all the adventures in store for her and her new class!

While not teaching, Sara enjoys spending her time outdoors, camping, painting, going on long nature walks, reading as much as she can, and spending time with her family and friends.