

## Mary Ellen McMurtrie

### Personal Questions:

- Hobbies/Sports: reading, writing her second novel, poetry, hiking, cross-country skiing, and yoga.
- Dream Vacation: A week on Pluto to find out why it's not a planet.
- Hometown: Bishop, California.
- Family: Nutty, three kids, five grandkids, two brothers, three sisters.
- Why do you teach? To learn. Students teach more than teachers.
- Why are you in Idaho City? A love of snowy winters and mountains
- Favorites:
  - Movie: *Fahrenheit 451*
  - Book: *A Room of One's Own* by Virginia Woolf
  - Music: constantly changing, currently the Be Good Tanyas, different next week
  - TV show: *Leave it to Beaver* (She hasn't had a T.V. for twenty years.)
  - Color: Have you seen her classroom? She loves color.
  - Candy: She loves dark, dark, dark chocolate with almonds.
  - Sport: Yoga
  - Food: halibut
  - Flower: wild rue
  - Animal: frogs
  - Mythical Animal: honest politician
  - Joke: Knock, knock.....
  - Car: Jaguar
  - Superhero: Wiley Coyote
- School memory? Mr. Ramsay as a cheerleader
- Prefer cat or dog? Dog
- What's your zodiac sign? Pisces
- Pet peeves? chewing with your mouth open
- Favorite quote: Never ascribe to malice what can be explained by incompetence.
- What's the most unusual job or place you have experienced: When I was hitchhiking through Europe I arrived in Thurso Scotland in the back of a Lorry filled with new toilets. There was no where to spend the night, so I slept in the straw.
- If you could go back in time, what period in history would it be? Paleolithic
- Best present you have ever gotten: The birth of my children
- Best advice received: Something about yellow snow...but I can't remember the rest.
- What's your advice for students? Find out what I forgot about yellow snow.
- Who are your heroes? Martin Luther King and Winnie the Pooh
- What car do you drive? Mazda Pickup that used to belong to Ms. Brown.

General Questions:

- Education: A really good one. Degree in English.
- Job History: Can't remember that long ago, but I was in Idaho City the year before the school opened.
- Subject you teach: English
- Extracurricular involvement: PEAPOD, NHS, Sierra Leone support group, Boise Basin Library Board.