



# The Kindergarten Smorgasboard

Howdy! I am Mr. Greg from The Kindergarten Smorgasboard.

My real name is Greg Smedley-Warren. I have been teaching for 11 years. I spent a year teaching fifth grade, two years in second grade and am now in my 8th year in Kindergarten. Kindergarten is my passion and my calling but honestly, that wasn't how it started. When I was moved to Kindergarten (not voluntarily!) I called my mommy and cried. But on the first day, I fell in love and knew that Kindergarten is where I belonged. I have remained in Kindergarten ever since. I plan to never leave the classroom as the kids are what drive me to continue my growth as a teacher and person.

I received my bachelors degree from Indiana University and received my ELL certification from David Lipscomb University. At the beginning of my career I spent two summers teaching in Ecuador which only helped to fan the flames of my passion for teaching. In 2015 I was selected as Teacher Of The Year by my peers. I have a monthly broadcast on YouTube called Submission for Smorgie LIVE. I enjoy blogging, creating curriculum and resources for my classroom and conducting professional development sessions to help teachers around the world make their classrooms a more fun, effective and interactive place to teach.

When I'm not in the classroom, blogging and doing all things teach, I enjoy spending time with my family. I live in Nashville, Tennessee with my husband (known as The Mister on my blog) and our dogs, Butters and LuLu.



*Maryann "Mar." Harman is a music educator with a Bachelor's Degree in Music and a Master's in Education, with an emphasis in Early Childhood and is certified in Level I Orff. These degrees contribute to her ability to write songs that are musically and educationally sound for children as well as fun and easy to use for teachers and parents. She is the founder of the internationally-enjoyed Music with Mar. Brain Research Based program, Music with Mar. International (Beijing, China) and hosted BAM! Radio Music and Learning Channel.*

*"My passion is tying together the effectiveness of music in overall development with the current research and creating music / music activities to help parents / teachers put it in action."*

Her recordings have received several national awards, to include:

"Music Makes Me Wanna Move" – Parents' Choice Award

"unFROGettable" – Kids Music Award

"Tunes for Tiny Tots" – Silver Parents' Choice Award

"Start Each Day with A Song" – Best Recording Children's Web Award 2002

"Keep Safety ROO-Teen – Best Recording Children's Web Award 2001

Dare Officers State of Florida "Recognition of Excellence" For song

"Pledge to Lead A Drug-Free life

John Lennon Song Writing Award – Honorable Mention for "Because We're Friends"

She has produced the music for:

"I Love You Rituals" (Vols 1 & 2) Audio Version of book by Dr. Becky Bailey

Kaplan's LED Infant / Toddler Curriculum

Childcraft's Science Curriculum

GEOMotion Group

Get Ready Kids Fingerplay Glove Packs

Childcraft's Smart Woman Doll – with song "I Know a Smart Woman"

35+ audio recordings!

She lectures independently as well as for companies such as Eric Jensen's Brain Expo, Staff Development for Educators and Chapters International, New Dehli, India.

The Music with Mar. company produces the puppets for Mr. Froggy's Family, a puppet company to supplement the songs and also the product for FUNdraisers.

Mar.'s music is available as physical CDs and downloads and can be found in [the Mar. Mall](#) on this website. Currently, she actively teaches and travels around the world performing in concerts with Mr. Froggy or lecturing at conferences. She resigned from the University of South Florida, where she was an adjunct professor, to meet the requirements of her busy travel schedule.