



Kristen Jensen's Story

Educating elementary school children in American Falls for nearly a decade taught Kristen Jensen many lessons. One in particular sticks with her.



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I believe our society could solve many problems if we educated ourselves about energy use.

As an educator, I play a key role in shaping the future of my students by teaching them about energy. I believe it's important to increase students' awareness of energy-related topics because many future careers for my students will be in an energy industry. I want them to be prepared to make choices that positively impact their lives.

I support Idaho Power in its efforts to help me be more knowledgeable about power issues. The educational resources the

company offers and the assistance provided by community education representatives, such as Claudia Tremelling, are invaluable.

The company offers teaching materials along with hands-on learning aids on topics from birds of prey to electrical safety. Their efforts make me feel the company cares about me as an educator and helps me realize the educational goals I set for my students.

My 13-year-old son, Colin, is very interested in the birds in our area and compiled a list of them and created a brochure. He now wants to be an ornithologist [someone who

studies birds]. Part of his interest is because Claudia came into my classroom and got him excited about birds of prey.

When students learn and understand how electricity is created and how important power is in their lives, as adults they'll be proactive in making sure there is enough power for the future. As they become more knowledgeable about the different types of power generation, they will be able to help shape our energy future through their participation and involvement.

▶ *"They expand the horizons of what I can provide in my classroom. Ultimately, I believe it will help make our children wiser students and better citizens."*



Kristen Jensen (right) working with Idaho Power Community Education Representative Claudia Tremelling