**A Little Bit About Mr. Willard:**

I live in Syracuse with my wife; both of our children graduated from the Syracuse City School District. They now are in college (Boston University and Syracuse University), having been well prepared by our wonderful district. Although I’m a pretty old guy, I’ve only been teaching in the public schools for a few years. Before becoming an elementary school teacher, I was a free-lance musician, specializing in Musical Theatre as a Conductor, Arranger and Keyboard player. I was fortunate enough to work on Broadway and to travel to many exotic locations all over the world. I still keep my hand in the theatre world, having played keyboards the last three times that “Wicked” came to town and recently musically directed for a professional theatre down in Lewisburg, West Virginia. I love to bring this lifetime of musical experience to young people to help them find the joy making music that I have found my entire life