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**Ali Ann Marris, MTS**  
**Fifth Grade Teacher**

Ali Ann Marris, MTS completed her Masters degree in May 2004 at the [John Paul II Institute](#) at Catholic University in Washington, DC. Her previous studies led her to a Bachelors of Philosophy in 2002 from The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts in Merrimack, NH. Her focus of studies was on [Duns Scotus](#) and medieval philosophy, along with freedom, which she wrote a comprehensive thesis on. Her other areas of study include political science and literature. Her passion for the classics, mainly [Homer, Virgil, and Dante](#), has blossomed in the traditional classroom and in a workshop setting. After five years of teaching experience in kindergarten, junior high and high school levels, Ms. Marris took the leap to be an independent education by beginning DIDASKALOS, an educational services business that focuses on individual tutoring and various workshops.

She currently runs educational workshops, meets individual students one on one and is a writing tutor at UAA. Ms Marris is an educational consultant who specializes in language arts, writing, culinary arts and Spanish. After spending multiple summers in [Spain](#), she brings her acquired knowledge of [Spanish](#) to the elementary classroom. She continues to pursue innovative ways to bring the basics of grammar, rhetoric and logic back.

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