

“Mrs. Michouda where are you?”

Mrs. Michouda was my kindergarten teacher at Field School in Park Ridge, Illinois back in the early 60’s and yet even today I have fond memories of my early elementary school experiences. AND yes, I can still remember way back then! I often tell people in our admissions process that I do not remember when I learned my math facts but I know how to do math. I do not remember when I first was able to read but I can read. What I do remember is that cool field trip to the museum where I saw a *real* mummy, the first time I got to dissect something, and Mrs. Filmore helping me get a replacement goldfish for mine that died only an hour after I won it by getting a ping pong ball in a small fish bowl at our school carnival. We tend to remember the great life experiences in our educational process, and we cannot allow these life’s experiences to be forced into extinction because of the standards-driven learning environment perpetuated by schools. Creativity and fun needs to be had by students and teachers alike. The upcoming FKC Convention ***The World Is Our Playground*** on Friday, October 11, 2013 promises to be a time for Pre-K through 3rd grade teachers to come together to remind us how important we are in providing these important life’s experiences for children. We all got in this business to make a difference and to help children learn. What better way to do that than to provide them with opportunities to reflect on and smile about when they are older. You might just be the next Mrs. Michouda! See you in Orlando at the FKC Convention.