



Rilke Klingsporn

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Rilke Klingsporn

SCHOOL: Pioneer Middle School

GRADES: 7th & 8th

SUBJECT: Math

Q. What content areas are your students learning?

A. We just finished a unit on volume and surface areas of three dimensional solids.

Q. How do you ensure students have mastered the subject before moving on?

A. We develop unit portfolios using individual work that is proof to them that they do know how to do this.

Q. How do you individualize learning for your students?

A. I do math games and activities so I can get around the room and check on them individually so I'm not just standing in the front of the room lecturing.

Q. How do journal notebooks help your students learn?

A. We use them for all of our class notes and anything we do in class -- such as experiments, discussions, and discovering of rules. We highlight materials so they are easy to find. It's a resource they can use on any homework assignment and assessment.

Q. What support system do you have in place to help with homework?

A. They get time in class to at least get started so I can answer questions. Their first resource outside of class time is to use their journal, second call a friend and third stop by to see me before school.

## COMMENTS FROM PIONEER PRINCIPAL DANA JONES:

"Her quiet demeanor is deceptive. Rilke Klingsporn is a force to be reckoned with in the classroom. She has a way of bringing students in, helping them develop responsibility for their own learning and help create their own learning experiences. This Whitman graduate infuses her students with a love of math that they want to share with others."

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## MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM RILKE KLINGSPORN'S CLASS:



### COMMENTS: FROM RILKE KLINGSPORN

"We use the 'Rotation Game' to review what we have learned. Students rotate every four minutes to different desks to find specific problems to review. They can discuss the problem and prove they have it right. It also allows them to get rid of all the wiggles so they can refocus on their learning."

"Some 7th graders take 8th grade general math and will then take algebra next year. They have proven their way up through test scores and teacher recommendations."

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### COMMENTS FROM MITZY:

"We do a 'Fantastic Five' learning game to start class. We take five problems and have to finish them in five minutes. The problems are random to help us review."

**Mitzy Rodriguez, 7th Grade**