



David Larson

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: David Larson

SCHOOL: Edison Elementary School

GRADE: Elementary

SUBJECT: Special Ed. (Resource Room)

Q. What content areas are your students learning?

A. We are developing decoding strategies in reading. Kids review phonics rules that allow them to break down words and become better readers. Research tells us increased reading fluency improves comprehension.

Q. How does the Resource Room compare to a traditional classroom?

A. The Resource Room provides special education students a small group experience and a smaller student-to-teacher ratio. This setting allows us to focus on individualized instruction and individualized needs.

Q. How do you determine an appropriate learning plan for the students?

A. We assess and test students to find out their current academic levels. We then find a curriculum that will help move them as quickly as possible toward their appropriate grade level.

Q. What are you looking forward to most about the new Edison?

A. A better quality facility with more opportunities to integrate technology into the subject matter (science, reading, writing or math).

COMMENTS FROM EDISON PRINCIPAL NANCY WITHYCOMBE:

"Dave Larson is a compassionate advocate for his students. He works well with parents and helps them support their children.

Dave sets clear expectations for his students and supports them when they are in his classroom as well as when they are in their homeroom. He's always willing to go the extra mile."

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**MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
DAVE LARSON'S CLASS:**



COMMENTS: FROM DR. BILL JORDAN
"It takes a special temperament and special skills to work with kids in our Special Education program. Dave Larson exhibits those in a way that allows him to relate to kids, enable their learning and get them excited about being in school."

"I love what I do, I love being here, and I love the people that I work with. They make it a very special place."

David Larson
Special Education Teacher



COMMENTS FROM DENNIS:
"Mr. Larson deserves to be Teacher of the Month because he's been a great teacher all these years. He's fun and has taught me a lot of math."

Dennis Moore III , 3rd Grade