



Sara Erwin

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Sara Erwin

SCHOOL: Edison Elementary

GRADE: First

Q. What are your students studying?

A. We are studying editing and peer editing in writing, as well as working on conventions, spacing, and having the story make sense. In math we are studying doubles and their special relationship as well as reviewing fact families with addition and subtraction strategies. In science, we are finishing up weather and beginning organisms. In reading, we are learning about different types of houses with the emphasis that all houses provide shelter.

Q. What are some of the goals you have for first grade students?

A. The most important areas are loving to learn, following directions, learning to be independent, finding joy in what we do and learning how to settle back down.

Q. What are you most looking forward to in the new school?

A. Air conditioning is probably the biggest thing. It gets up to 85 degrees in our classrooms during the year and the kids get so tired. I'm also looking forward to more access to technology and having more storage space.

Q. How do parents help support what you do in the classroom?

A. I'm very lucky because I have a few parents come in on a regular basis and I appreciate them so much. They come in and read with children who might not have an adult reading with them at home. They also help with art projects and help me get ready for the next day or week. They are a valuable asset.

## COMMENTS FROM EDISON PRINCIPAL NANCY WITHYCOMBE:

"Sara has a real heart for her students. She looks for new ways to solve problems when things are not working as well as she'd like for her class."

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## MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM SARA ERWIN'S CLASS:



### COMMENTS: FROM SARA...

"This is only my second year as a classroom teacher so I'm learning along with the students. I've mainly been a teaching specialist working with students in small groups. I'm enjoying what I'm doing. It takes a lot of energy but I love working with kids."

"We don't have the document cameras and enough computers so we are behind the other schools in this area, which is partly why we are getting a new school. I look forward to us being the Technology Magnet with the new school."



"We spend a lot of time on reading. Right now we are learning about the different types of homes people live in."

"We also just finished a fun unit on weather with many hands on projects."