



Jean Tobin

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Jean Tobin

SCHOOL: Green Park Elementary

GRADE LEVEL: 4th Grade

Q. Now that we are late in the school year what are you working on?

A. Now that WASL is over, we focus more on content areas like science and social studies. We'll work on more in depth projects and participate in more assemblies and field trips that we have saved up from earlier in the year.

Q. As students transition into 5th grade what academic skills should they have?

A. By the end of 4th grade students should be able to read chapter books with confidence and understand them. They should have their multiplication facts memorized. They should be able to find information on a project they are interested in. In writing they are learning to develop their ideas. They are also shoring up their spelling with vowel blends.

COMMENTS FROM GREEN PARK PRINCIPAL MIKE LAMBERT:

"Jean Jean the Math machine!" Jean Tobin started the Green Park 'Math Champs' program five years ago which challenges students in grades 1-5 to master their addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division math facts. Each week she appears on our KGPS News broadcast to announce the names of our students who successfully mastered a new math fact area.

"In writing Jean is fondly referred to as our 'elaboration queen,' trained as a WASL Writing Assessment Scorer she has been instrumental in assisting our staff in improving student writing skills. In her spare time she coaches the GP Regional Champion Math Team, presents math and writing professional development activities throughout our District, and is currently in the process of aligning our Math curriculum with the new Math GLE's. Jean Tobin, as we Green Park Panthers like to say, is "Pawsitively" outstanding!"

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
JEAN TOBIN'S CLASS:



COMMENTS: FROM JEAN...

"I encourage my students during the summer to read and get out and explore to develop their interests and curiosities. For some students it helps to focus on specific skills. I encourage parents to connect with the teacher to set up a summer plan."

"Kids who are successful in school tend to have parents who are very involved in making sure they are getting their work finished. They also are good at checking in with teachers."



"I love using technology. If I could snap my fingers every teacher would have one of these document cameras and projectors. It provides visuals to bring projects to life, especially for our second language learners."