



Julie Schisler

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Julie Schisler

SCHOOL: Sharpstein Elementary

GRADE: Second (Dual Language Program -- Julie is also Bilingual/Spanish)

Q. What are your students working on?

A. In reading we are reviewing comprehension strategies. Students are learning how to ask questions when they read, focus on main ideas and explain what they have read. In writing we are trying to elaborate so we are adding more details and in math our focus is on subtraction.

Q. Why are younger students taught only in their native language?

A. Our dual program works so that students in kindergarten, first grade, and second grade receive all of their language arts instruction in their native language. We do this so that they can build up a strong foundation in their native language, and subsequently have a variety of skills and strategies to transfer as they learn to read and write in their second language.

Q. Why do you have so many posters and charts up on your walls?

A. We don't want our lessons to be something that just happens one day and then end. I want the kids to be able to look back and think about it and then use it as we go on to other lessons where we are using the same concepts.

COMMENTS FROM SHARPSTEIN PRINCIPAL LAURE QUARESMA:

"Julie is an outstanding teacher in the use of instructional strategies that meet the needs of all students. She has been trained and implements Daily 5 in both Math and Reading. This management system allows her to differentiate instruction so that all are being taught at a level that challenges their thinking and learning. She is a bilingual teacher working with 55 second grade students in two languages through our dual language program. She is one of the best new teachers I have ever worked with. She's a "natural" teacher and cares deeply about her students. She gets it!"

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
JULIE SCHISLER'S CLASS:



COMMENTS: FROM Julie...

"I wanted to be a teacher since I was five-years-old. I spent a lot of time in classrooms growing up. It's a lot of work, but I think I knew that going in. It's completely worth it. I love my kids. I'm really glad I chose to be a teacher."

"In math it is important for students to have visuals so they can see what is happening when they are adding or subtracting. If they can't see it then it is an abstract concept."



"We have been trained on GLAD strategies. The three rules of GLAD are: Be respectful, make good choices and solve problems. We select "Scouts" when doing lessons who then pick students who have demonstrated these rules during the lesson."