



Amy Ford

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Amy Ford

SCHOOL: Edison Elementary

Position: Title I Teacher (reading & math)

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 7 years

Q. What is your role this year at Edison Elementary?

A. This year I am a Title 1 teacher providing math and reading support to kindergarten, first, fourth and fifth grade students.

Q. Which students work with you?

A. I work with students who need extra help in math and reading. We look at their assessment scores to determine who needs the extra support.

Q. Why are these intervention services needed?

A. Right now we are averaging 27 to 28 students in the classroom. In small group instruction we are able to target their individual needs as opposed to being just a fish in a big ocean in the regular classroom. This program supports the classroom teacher so they are not alone in meeting the needs of these students. We have found with interventions our students can meet the standards.

Q. How are your services structured?

A. My groups are usually three to four students. I do have some groups with up to six students for math. I meet with students in 30 minute blocks.

Q. How does the assessment data help you meet their needs?

A. Assessment data helps us determine how we form our groups. Every month we meet as a grade level team and look at the data. If the data is not changing, then we look at what we are doing and change our strategies to better meet their needs. We use several assessments to understand what support is needed.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
AMY FORD'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM AMY...

I use many of the GLAD teaching strategies in my small group instruction. We use a lot of visuals, hands on activities, group conversations and discussions. The instructional strategies are similar to what I used when I was a classroom teacher.

I work closely with the classroom teacher if there are concerns about the student's progress. We meet regularly to discuss each child.



The new school is great. We have space to do our small group instruction. The technology is amazing and it helps support our instructional needs.