



Danae Jacky

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Danae Jacky

SCHOOL: Sharpstein Elementary

Position: Kindergarten Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 5 years

Q. What are your students working on this week?

A. The students have been working on letters to combine them to form words. It's pretty magical right now. They are taking letter sounds and putting them together to make words. They're learning sight words so they are actually reading sentences. They are very excited about their work.

Q. What are some of your students' favorite class activities?

A. They love the learning and play centers. Some are more academic and others are more playing. They like the hands-on activities and learn by playing. These centers also help them learn to cooperate, get along and develop friendships.

Q. How do you provide balance when some students are more advanced?

A. We work with each student at their appropriate level. We are so fortunate at Sharpstein to have para-professionals, Ameri-Corp staff and other teachers who all work with our students. We can develop the appropriate pace and rigor for each student to meet their individual learning needs. We talk to the parents about how each child develops differently and how we go at their own pace. By the end of the year their growth will be unbelievable.

Q. What growth have you seen in your students since the first of the year?

A. We have seen huge academic and social growth. They learn routines and how to behave in a classroom setting. They are learning their letters and improving their math skills. They love school.

Q. How would you like parents to support their child at home?

A. We encourage parents to read to their child and ask about the story and its characters. It's important for parents to model a love for learning.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
DANAE JACKY'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM DANAE...

All day kindergarten is a great investment for the community. Children need a full day to develop the foundational skills they will need for the rest of their school careers.

Art, physical education and music are important and would not be available without a full day kindergarten program.



When I first moved to Walla Walla and was substitute teaching, I knew I wanted to teach at Sharpstein. It is an exceptional school. The students, parents and staff are amazing.