



Richele Locati

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Richele Locati

SCHOOL: Homelink

Position: L.A. & Communications Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 13 years

Q. How does studying the body of work from an author help develop skills?

A. These are first and second grade Homelink students in a combination Language Arts and Communications class. About once a month or every six weeks we study an author and illustrator and the books they create. We develop art, writing and communication activities to make it a fun celebration.

Q. How do you help support the work taking place in the home-school setting?

A. My students are learning reading and writing from their parents at home. It takes a lot communication and planning to provide this enrichment. We take a literacy approach by immersing them in literature. We use group settings so students can discuss their learning with other students.

Our advisory teachers meet regularly with parents to support their child's learning plan. This helps us understand the curriculum they are using at home and how we can supplement and enrich their learning.

Q. What feedback do you receive from parents?

A. They appreciate our enrichment program. Their children are able to socialize with other children and learn how to work in groups. This year we added a fitness program at the YMCA and most of our students are participating in this program. It's been a great addition to Homelink.

Q. Do you see results with this program?

A. We see tremendous growth with our students. We do a lot of testing and coordination with parents to monitor academic progress. This is a parent partnership program and we work closely together to ensure success.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
RICHELE LOCATTI'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM RICHELE...

I would like to see our program grow and continue enriching the learning of our home school students. We would love to offer music and math to provide an even wider variety of supplemental support.

Our parents tell us they appreciate our program. Homelink offers students an opportunity for socialization and enrichment they would not have in a home school setting.



We have an amazing team of educators at Homelink. We support each other and coordinate our activities.

We have a lot of pride in the work we do.