



Jami Eggart

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Jami Eggart

SCHOOL: Garrison Middle School

Position: Math Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 9 years

Q. What are students in your 8th grade math class working on?

A. This class helps students learn a variety of skills in preparation of high school math. They are solving equations and doing a lot of geometry.

Q. How do you ensure students develop these skills before high school?

A. High school is coming for these students in just a few months so it is important for us to develop the building blocks they will need to be successful. If we can develop the skills now it will help them in high school where the credits count toward graduation.

Whether they go on to college or right into the work force, they will have the skills they need to be successful.

Q. How do you take a difficult subject like math and have it make sense?

A. We do a lot of group work so students get to work with others and problem solve. We also have math lab so kids can come in and get extra help. I also use electronic learner tools to help engage students and give them immediate feedback on their progress.

Q. Why is it important to link math problems to your students' passions?

A. We have to apply a lot of story problems to interests the students may have. We can apply math skills to sporting events. Money is obviously something important to students as is music.

So applying math to areas they understand and have a concept of, is important to their skill development.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM  
JAMI EGGART'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM JAMI...

As students go out into the world to shop or finance, they need to be able to use math. It is really important for students to have these basic skills to be smart consumers, to manage their money and be competitive in the job market.

Learning math is a lot like using building blocks. If you don't have the foundation, you struggle. Our job is to fill in any holes so there are no gaps in their development.



I work closely with teachers here and at Pioneer. We share assessment materials and talk about what is working and what it is not. Collaboration is an ongoing process.