



Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Krissy Corbin

SCHOOL: Blue Ridge

Position: Preschool Special Ed Teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 3 years

Q. What is your job with the district?

A. I'm a Community Preschool Special Education teacher. Our program is located at Blue Ridge Elementary. I work with students ages three to five who have special needs. We serve students with hearing impairments, Down's Syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy and other special needs.

Q. What is your daily schedule?

A. We serve two sets of students daily. One set comes in from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon group is with us from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. We currently have four in the morning group and nine in the afternoon. My morning group is more impacted by their disabilities.

We do academic instruction which focuses on their Individualized Learning Plan goals. We also have snack time, outside play time and a rest break for the afternoon group. It's as individualized as we can make it in a group setting.

Q. Why is it important to provide these services to students at a young age?

A. Early intervention throughout the past 20 years has proven the earlier we are able to provide interventions, the less likely students will need these services in the future. There are some students we serve who have life long developmental delays who might be in group homes or the care of their parents for the majority of their lives. However, we have several students who come into our programs at a young age and may not need as many services as they become older or may completely exit out of these programs.

Q. How do you keep going each day with such a challenging position?

A. I just love the kids. They make me smile. I know I'm making a difference.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM
KRISSY'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM KRISSY...

We try to support parents in whatever areas they need. We help them access outside resources and make connections with agencies. Students who are more severely impacted may need long-term care so we assist and provide support.

We explain to parents where their child is academically and how he/she is progressing. We let them know their child will progress and make gains.



Most of my students will go on to the Life Skills Program at Green Park or the Autism Program at Edison. These are self contained programs.