



Lani Kiefel

# Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Lani Kiefel

SCHOOL: Pioneer Middle School

Position: Learning Assistance Program

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 12 years

Q. What are your duties as the Learning Assistance Program Coordinator?

A. I work with a team of para-professionals. We support students who need extra help in math and reading.

Q. How does the program work?

A. This year we are using the “push in” model to keep students in their regular classrooms. We do a lot of small group instruction and offer individualized support to help students develop their skills.

Q. Why is this model effective?

A. We can see where the teacher is with the lessons and support those directly, and target the skills students may need help with in a more meaningful way.

Q. What do you like best about this program?

A. All the kids at Pioneer are my kids. I feel every student is my responsibility. I really enjoy watching them learn and grow.

Q. How do the students respond to you?

A. The students work hard to achieve success. Everyone has the ability to reach their potential. It's great to be a part of the team of teachers, parents and support staff who help students stay motivated to work hard and do their best.

Q. What's it like working with the teachers?

A. I love learning about the bag of tricks they use to help students learn. I enjoy collaborating with the teachers to find ways to help students be successful.

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This job is rewarding because I help the students become more confident in their reading and math and this confidence carries over to everything they do in school. I love seeing the students when the light clicks on for the first-time and they 'get it'!

With my new position, I get to help all the students and work with all the teachers. It's great to have an impact on the entire school.



We work closely in the Learning Assistance Program with parents. It's important to have parents understand the program and talk to us about their child's needs.