

MONA P. BUTTONS

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English as a Second Language Educator

~ Patient ~ Trustworthy ~ Compassionate ~

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (1990)
Major: Elementary Education,
Fredman's University
Tacoma, WA

Honors: Cum Laude

*Elementary Self-Contained
(Grade 1-8) - Washington*

*English as a Second Language
(Grade 1-8) - Washington*

*"Mona, you have the
drive and skills to
inspire our students. You
are truly an asset to our
school and ESL
program!"*

Winston P. Mortal,
Principal, Bateman
Elementary School

Dynamic and results-oriented ESL teacher committed to inculcating a passion for learning, creating multicultural awareness through teaching the fundamentals of the English language. A strong talent to develop and implement creative, hands-on curriculum that reaches every student's learning style and ability, empowering students to succeed and realize their individual goals. A trustworthy and approachable individual with excellent communication to cooperatively work with parents and faculty to meet the needs of students and promote the philosophy and goals of the school.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**Effective Listening / ELA Preparation / Curriculum Development
Use of Manipulatives / Technology Integration / Learning Centers
Literature Circle / Interactive Games / Phonics
Team Teaching / Writer's Workshop**

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Augmented student learning through one-on-one instruction for non-English speaking students; partnered student with advanced bilingual student ensuring a comfortable learning experience and ability to actively participate in the learning process.
- Increased reading levels devoting additional time on Reading and Language Arts within the classroom; effectively altered lessons to accommodate lower reading and language levels, and implemented LLIFE program.
- Motivated students to take charge of their own learning and set their own goals. Documented progress, enhancing student improvement in both understanding and performance.
- Maintained effective behavioral management within the classroom by incorporating motivational activities and positive reinforcement strategies.
- Provided supplemental in-class and cooperative ESL support to ELL students, developing and implementing diverse curriculum to effectively meet the needs of each student's learning style and ability.

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Professional Achievements Continued...

- Initiated and lead classroom meetings for parents not reading or speaking English to help them become involved in the education of their child.
- Enriched and extended literacy levels among students by coordinating student group performances of Reader's Workshop student plays.
- Assisted in Literacy Grant writing project that resulted in the school receiving literacy grant funds to support the school's improvement goals.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BATEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - TUCOMA, WA
ESL Teacher (3rd Grade)

1995 - PRESENT

Title 1 school with 90% Hispanic students; approximate student body of 1,000 learners.

Teach core curriculum to 3rd Grade English as a Second Language learners, covering subjects such as Reading, Language Arts, Writing, Math, Science, Health, and Social Studies. Actively prepare students for TAAS Reading, Language Arts, and Writing standardized testing. Collaborated with faculty members on joint-class activities that included school government, plays, programs, and guest speakers.

BARBARA BANTON'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - TACOMA, WA
ESL Teacher (4th Grade)

1990 - 1995

Also worked as an educator with Cedar Green Elementary School - Grade 1 ESL Teacher, J.P. Hanson Elementary School - Grade 1 ESL Teacher, Popular Elementary School - ESL Teacher Grades 3 and 4, and Dear Hurst Elementary School - Multi Grade Teacher.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & RECOGNITION

Member, Parent and Teacher Association
Recognized, Teacher of the Month

TECHNOLOGICAL PROFICIENCIES

Windows OS ~ Microsoft Works ~ Microsoft Office Suite ~ PowerPoint ~ Word
Excel ~ Internet Navigation ~ WordPerfect

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST