



MARTIN ELEMENTARY'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

DERYANN KING

Deryann King is Martin School's Teacher of the Year. Deryann is a consummate professional. She is kind and has a great rapport with students and staff alike. This year, she courageously began a clustering pilot starting in January. For the remainder of the year, she has switched classes with a colleague for reading and mathematics. This clustering pilot has allowed her to expand her expertise of math instruction and curriculum. She always has a well thought out plan for her lessons. In addition, she reminds students how to solve mathematical problems using the Common Core practices and relates student learning to real scenarios. Her ability to make math interesting, challenging, and tied into the real world is amazing. She has her student mathematicians discuss their thinking and approach math as problems to be solved on a daily basis. Deryann understands the value of continuous improvement. She is constantly striving to improve her teaching craft and to support her colleagues. This year, she began coursework, so that she can receive her certification in administration. Additionally, she has served as a TEAM mentor, member of the Martin School Improvement Team, staff representative on the Parent Advisory Group, and worked on district level committees as well. Finally, she creates lasting and important relationships with students and with staff. She uses positive approaches in her classroom to support her students. Not only does she work with new staff to mentor and support them, she also partners with veteran staff. Deryann approaches all she does with her signature smile and positive attitude. She is emblematic of the positive climate we are fostering at Martin School. I am proud to name her our Martin Teacher of the Year.

~ PRINCIPAL SOPHIA KRISCH