

Barbara Sandoval

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Barbara is currently finishing her 8th year of teaching Kindergarten at Raymond Temple Elementary in the Centralia School District. She has also worked with students in grades K-6 in a pull-out Resource Specialist Program designing individual education for students with special needs. While earning her graduate degree, Barbara worked extremely hard to be a proficient student, accomplished teacher, attentive wife and involved mother. For her thesis, Barbara surveyed over 100 Kindergarten teachers about their knowledge and impact of writing standards used in Orange County classrooms. She continues to use the knowledge and skills she gained from the masters program to better serve the children she comes in contact with daily. At work, Barbara serves as a lead teacher of the EIEIO program at her school site; an intervention program for children under 6 years of age. This program targets children who may not yet be identified as Special Education students and extends their Kindergarten day to help them be as successful as they can be. She has also been a member of the School Site Council of four years assisting the administration on-site with decisions regarding spending and instruction. She also helps coordinate the GATE students as peer tutors. She has been a master teacher by welcoming many student teachers in her own classroom. Barbara is a model student, with a 4.0 GPA in her Masters Program and an educator who is truly devoted to the success of her Kindergarten students. Though many of her students are not yet identified at this early age, this year she has six students with special needs in her classroom, including a fully-mainstreamed boy who is hard of hearing and requires an interpreter. Her perceptive intelligence and fervent work ethic will no doubt enable her to continue to make significant contributions to the field of education and the lives of children both with and without disabilities.