

Meet Drama, Math, and Language Arts Teacher Ariella Leeder



Why Drama, Math, and Language Arts Matters

Drama teaches students to integrate and expand their language arts curriculum and speaking skills, build self-confidence, and use teamwork.

Students needing an extra challenge in math can attend a weekly math extension program or math club.

The Future Problem Solving Program challenges students to become global thinkers, develop problem-solving strategies, and creates opportunities for higher level thinking.

Credentials

- Over 13 years of teaching experience; 11 years with the DMUSD
- Bachelors Degree in Psychology
- Masters Degree in Education, Focus on Gifted and Talented Education
- California Teaching Credential
- Affiliate Director for a Non Profit, California Future Problem Solving Program. Mrs Leeder's teams have won the State Bowl and advanced to International competition 6 out of 11 years of coaching.

Curriculum

In drama, students work towards proficiency in state theater standards (1st – 3rd grade).

In the math extension program and math club, students explore a variety of challenging math games and activities (4th – 6th grade).

In the Future Problem Solving Program, students work as a team to brainstorm challenges, select an underlying problem, develop solutions, generate criteria to judge their solution, apply the criteria, and write up an action plan. (5th and 6th grade)

Class Activities

In drama, students learn theater vocabulary, character analysis, and theater history through drama games and activities and create a class production.

Math challenge activities include logic puzzles, number squares, palindromes, algebra mystery maze, combinations and permutations, and many more.

This year's Future Problem Solving topics are: All in a Day's Work, Coral Reefs, Human Rights, Trade Barriers, and Pharmaceuticals.

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