



I am thrilled to be here to introduce Debbie Perry as the March Rincon Valley Certificated Employee of the Month. Debbie has been teaching in Rincon Valley for over 23 years. I have had the privilege of working with her for the past 5 years. When I first started working at Whited, it did not take long for me to see that Mrs. Perry is an exceptional teacher. It was immediately clear to me that she loves teaching and students love learning because of her.

Mrs. Perry has a gift at finding ways to engage all students and in finding strategies to ensure all kids learn. You will regularly find her using songs, movement and drama to hook kids into learning. I know that anytime I am in her classroom, I find myself not wanting to leave, and I have heard many other adults say the same thing. Room 1 has a lot of fun!

Students love Mrs. Perry because of her fun approach, caring nature and high expectations. Adults love her, as well. Debbie is appreciated for always having others' backs. She is always ready to lend an ear to colleagues needing to vent, and is happy to offer helpful suggestions to teachers who are faced with challenges. Debbie is always wanting to learn new things and be aware of current best practices. She regularly offers for others to visit her classroom, most recently with our CEL walkthroughs. She is a mentor to others and is always open to feedback to constantly improve her own teaching craft. Her warm smile and infectious, booming laugh are other traits we all adore about her.

Mrs. Perry pours her heart into her students and classroom, along with her partner teacher, Mrs. Moll. Debbie has earned great respect from parents because of her devotion and commitment to their childrens' needs. She partners with families to work together as a team to support students.

I personally appreciate Debbie's willingness to tackle hard conversations and topics in a direct and caring way. Even when things are tough, it is always obvious that she has kids' best interests in mind, listens to other perspectives, asks clarifying questions, and offers positive solutions. She does so much to make our whole school community even stronger.

For all of these reasons, and a million more, please join me in celebrating Debbie Perry as the Rincon Valley Certificated Employee of the Month for March.

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