

With great enthusiasm, I nominate Jennifer Grizzell for the prestigious I Love Teaching Award. Mrs. Grizzell's dedication to her students and innovative contributions to Riverdale Elementary have significantly impacted academic achievement and school safety.

One of Mrs. Grizzell's most remarkable accomplishments is her ability to foster academic growth in her students. Through her exceptional teaching methods, 93% of her students made typical or above-typical progress in Acadience Reading. This is a testament to her commitment to student success, her deep understanding of educational practices, and her ability to meet each student's needs.

In addition to her role as a teacher, Mrs. Grizzell serves as the Safety Coordinator at Riverdale Elementary, where she demonstrates creativity and leadership. One example of her innovative approach is during secure drills. Mrs. Grizzell introduced a simple yet highly effective system where each classroom places a traffic cone in front of exterior doors, indicating that the door has been checked and secured. This system not only ensures the safety of students and staff but also provides a clear visual cue that no one should enter or exit the building during the drill.

Mrs. Grizzell also goes above and beyond in supporting students with behavioral challenges. She creates a welcoming environment in her classroom where students can complete their work in a more focused setting, helping them remain on track academically. Her ability to combine patience, encouragement, and structure has positively impacted student behavior and learning outcomes.

As a Master Level Teacher, Mrs. Grizzell embodies the qualities of an exceptional educator. Her expertise, leadership, and unwavering commitment to her students make her a standout candidate for this award.

I wholeheartedly recommend Jennifer Grizzell for the I Love Teaching Award. Her contributions to Riverdale Elementary and the positive impact she has on both her students and colleagues truly exemplify what it means to love teaching.