



Katy Burns

Teacher of the Year
Beauleclerc Elementary
Kindergarten

Principal: Annetta Kornblum

Education

M.A., Jacksonville University
B.A., Wilmington College

Highlights

- 7 years of teaching experience
- National Board Scorer
- Member of Duval County Reading Council
- 2008 - National Board Certification, PreK-3 Early Childhood Generalist



Katy Burns is a National Board Certified Teacher who has been teaching kindergarten since 2003. From her first year teaching, Ms. Burns was committed to marrying the two philosophical models of Kindergarten; to adhere to rigorous academic expectations while focusing on teaching the whole child. On any given day, students in her classroom may be painting, acting, creating props, dancing and singing. They may be pretending to be scientists, mathematicians or artists. Each activity is carefully designed to teach curriculum as well as life-skills such as cooperation, critical thinking and decision making.

Ms. Burns' commitment to continuing her education allows her to constantly evolve as a teacher. In an effort to more effectively communicate basic principles of science, Ms. Burns built ramps for rolling balls, made slime and provided parent kits with materials for at-home activities. These kits are one example of her commitment to working in partnership with parents to extend learning beyond the school walls.

Although formal assessments are an indicator of knowledge gained, Ms. Burns has learned that "you don't always have to test kids to see what they know. Smiles are sometimes the best assessment."

"Ms. Burns has the sensitivity and insight to make all children feel successful at school. She welcomes each student into her class, which is filled with warmth, caring and enthusiasm. She has high expectations for her students and works hard to help them reach these goals."

*Annetta Kornblum
Principal
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