

3rd - 5th Grade

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WINNING TEACHER: Daisy Shada

Mrs. Shada has made school fun for me again. I didn't used to like school because it was hard and I didn't feel like I could do it. I understand math more this year, than with any other teacher because she makes it easier to understand. She explains it in a better way that just makes me understand and it makes me feel good that I can do it.

Mrs. Shada gives us lots of fun activities to do and it doesn't even feel like hard work! I am doing much better in reading this year because she is so patient and doesn't make me feel bad that I have trouble reading and listening. She helped me a lot with fluency which makes me sound better when I read and I went from the lowest spelling words list to the Beyond list which makes me feel good.

At first, I had a lot of trouble at school and I don't know why I just couldn't do what I was supposed to, but Mrs. Shada always made me feel like it was ok to make a mistake and it didn't make me bad. I wanted to be a good student and she helped me learn what to do when I am mad or frustrated so I can do the right thing and make better choices. She makes me feel like she is proud of me and that makes me feel good because sometimes, before this year, I didn't feel like I could do a good job in school. But now I love going to school and learning new things. I think Mrs. Shada deserves an award because she is the best teacher I had in my life!

Parents' Note:

We have seen the most improvement in Michael this year. He is night and day different from the beginning of the school year, when we received weekly phone calls or more, about incidents that happened at school where Michael would get extremely upset and/or disruptive. Mrs. Shada took time from her day to communicate with us and put Michael in appropriate programs to help him succeed. We appreciate her efforts so much! His MAP scores improved drastically this year and Mrs. Shada even personally contacted us about his improvement the moment she saw his scores; increased by over 30 points. He's just filled with so much more confidence now and he can't say enough good things about Mrs. Shada.