

**2008 Arizona ELL
"Teacher of the Year"**

Susan Jimenez

Granville Elementary School
Humboldt Unified School District

Our Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year, Susan Theresa Jimenez, is a 1st-2nd Grade English Language Development instructor at Granville Elementary School in the Humboldt Unified School District. Susan is on the ELL Professional Development Team and works on curriculum mapping, assessment development, and related tasks.

In describing her most ELL students, Susan goal is to 'work myself joy to walk around and 'language.'... It is confidence grow and to classroom."



rewarding experiences while teaching says "I contently declare that my out of a job.' This year, it has been a hear my students discussing motivating to see my students' follow them into the mainstream

A significant accomplishment for Susan as an ELL instructor has been the 36% reclassification rate at Granville Elementary. She recounts that each ELL student she worked with last year improved one or more levels on the AZELLA. Susan has implemented differentiated instruction tailored to her ELL's individual needs within grammar, reading and writing. As her students work through DSI, they are identifying parts of speech and verb tense formulas in specific colors and notations. They apply these verb tense structures to their reading, speaking, listening and writing.

In describing the integration of the ELP standards in the implementation of her curriculum, Susan explains that the ELP standards and DSI document lead her instruction. "A colleague and I worked on a document that correlates the standards to the DSI document, including irregular nouns and verbs, by ELL proficiency level. The ELP Standards and DSI documents have been numbered, and teaching-order sequenced. This internal document is used constantly for reference and lesson design."

Susan has a husband, Ramon, and one daughter, Page, who is three years of age. She graduated from Xavier High School in Phoenix with a degree in Elementary Education.

Susan has been teaching for four years. Her hobbies include scrapbooking, developing projects for classroom instruction and spending time with her family.