



ARIZONA EL TEACHER OF THE YEAR



ANDREA MATURAN

Kindergarten
ELD Teacher
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"When I first walked into Andrea's classroom I was fascinated with her knowledge of Structured English Immersion skills and strategies. As an English Language Learner herself, she relates so well to the students in the population that we serve. She is very skilled in her classroom management, is data driven and knowledgeable of the core curriculum and English Proficiency Standards.

What truly makes Andrea stand out in our profession, is her commitment to consistency and daily rigor regardless of a student's proficiency level in English. When you walk into her classroom, you are guaranteed to see reading and writing regardless of the time of day. Students work up until the time the dismissal bell rings, grab their backpacks and go. You are also guaranteed to hear Andrea singing or chanting mnemonics she has created that she uses time and time again so students don't forget certain letter sounds, or writing standards for punctuation. She's animated and moving about the classroom, expecting the best from her students and herself. She does what she loves and she does it well. She is worthy of the recognition. She can inspire other people wanting to come into our profession."

Michelle Talbot, Outreach Coordinator
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