2017 District-wide Elementary Campus Teacher of the Year

Kristal Parrish
WoodCreek Elementary

With a double major in psychology and sociology from Stephen F. Austin State University, Ms. Parrish became a teacher through an alternative certification program. She began her teaching career with Katy ISD in 2012 at WoodCreek Elementary School where she has taught 5th grade reading, writing and social studies. Since 2013, Ms. Parrish has also been the 5th grade team Curriculum and Instruction Leader.

But her greatest accomplishments come in her classroom experiences. Ms. Parrish is a dedicated teacher that inspires her students to make an impact in the world. She does this by teaching them to become critical readers and writers, and deep thinkers who are compassionate.

Her philosophy surrounds the ideal that “there is no program, no app, no curriculum that can replace the tremendous power and essence of an effective and passionate teacher in the life of a student.”

Her classroom environment centers around dynamic learning and student choice through decision-making, engagement and technology. Lessons also include not being afraid to try something new, even if it means failing first.