

Valerie Valadez, M. Ed was born, raised, and still resides in Fort Worth, Texas. She began teaching 4th and 5th grade Science at a small private school on the East side of Fort Worth before moving into the public sector in 2013. Since then she has taught Science at the fifth and sixth grade level throughout two different districts. She loves to share her passion for Science with her fellow teachers and students. Her goal is that all students will make deep connections to the content they learn through hands on and real life experiences. In 2019 she accepted a position at Clara Love Elementary in Northwest ISD Teaching 5th Grade Science and Social Studies. She also serves as a 5th Grade Science curriculum writer for the district.

Valerie and her fiancé reside in North Fort Worth with their 4 dogs. They love going on new adventures, especially when their fur babies get to tag along.

Kamella Lily graduated from Texas Wesleyan with a degree in Elementary Education and is currently working on her Masters in Educational Technology with Library Science. She has spent over ten years teaching Elementary Science and Technology. She is incredibly passionate about engaging students in hands on activities and utilizing technology to its fullest! She is currently serving as a Tech Apps teacher at the elementary level in Mansfield ISD. Kamella has presented on the campus level several times and shares that one of her greatest passions is working with teachers on how to integrate technology into their lessons in order to teach, monitor students progress and allow student design.

Ben Travis is a passionate educator and seeks to cultivate meaningful conversations around how we treat our students. He serves as an SEL Specialist in Crowley ISD. There he works with students, teachers, and the campus administration to ensure that students are able to remain engaged in the learning environment. When not at school Ben is heavily invested in a non-profit called Community Frontline which mobilizes men to serve the community and create change as well as my local church. In all of these areas, he is growing in his abilities to confront injustice and advocate for students' and teachers' needs. Ben will be presenting on various topics related to behavioral response and creating a classroom community and he looks forward to collaborating with you.

Katie Masteller received her Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction from Southern Methodist University. She has taught grades 4-8 at the elementary, intermediate and middle school level for the past ten years. Currently, she teaches 4th grade at the Academy at Nola Dunn, a brain-based elementary campus in Burleson, Texas. She has had the privilege of being a teacher mentor for several TCU student teachers and has served on the leadership team on her campus as the fourth grade team lead since 2015. She was awarded Teacher of the Year for her campus during the 2020 school year. Mrs. Masteller has previously taught break-out sessions for the TCU elementary institute. Her expertise is in writing and her passion is creating confident teachers who model daily, share their stories, and connect their unique experiences with students to create a classroom where writing becomes the most anticipated and creative time of the day. Currently, she resides in Burleson with her husband and three children.

Kim Everts is an elementary teacher who has worked in a variety of roles in 2nd - 5th grade for 22 years within three school districts. During her teaching career, she has had the honor of being named Teacher of the Year in two of the three school districts.

Joanne Campbell, M.Ed is an elementary teacher who has worked in a variety of roles in K – 5. She currently works as an RTI Coordinator and Intervention Specialist at the Academy at Nola Dunn, a brain based choice school in Burleson, Texas. Her passion is literacy with emphasizing creating lifelong readers who become lifelong learners, as well as providing PD at the campus and district level. She has three children, who all attend(ed) Fort Worth ISD public schools and lives in Fort Worth with her youngest, her husband, and their dog, Baxter.

Megan People M.Ed currently serves as a First Grade teacher for Burleson ISD. She has previously taught K through First grade for nine years in California. Throughout her teaching career at the elementary level, she has served on many school committees such as Team Lead K-2 for PBIS, Leadership and Data/Assessment. Mrs. People’s experiences have proved valuable in being selected as a Mentor Teacher and an Onboarding Teacher to assist new teachers on campus. . Her expertise is, Guided Reading/Early Literacy and Guided Math/Numeracy.

Mrs. People has also been nominated for the N Factor award for teachers who make a difference in their community. She was also awarded Teacher of the Year at her campus for 2020. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Psychology and Social Sciences and a Masters Degree in Education with an emphasis on Elementary Teaching and Learning. She is incredibly dedicated and passionate about teaching and loves to share that passion and knowledge she has with others.