



Teresa Meyer, an MIT (Mathematics Intervention Teacher) at Salem Elementary in Russell County is one of seven recipients of the Northern Kentucky University Trailblazer Award for Mathematics Education. Although she is new to the position, she is already making a vast difference with her students and colleagues. She works directly with 50 students each day and indirectly impacts over 200 students in the primary grades as she conducts trainings for and collaborates with 22 other teachers at her school.

According to Salem Elementary Principal Terry Grider, Teresa's leadership service is embraced by her colleagues:

"Mrs. Teresa has enthusiastically shared information and resources gained through MIT meetings provided by the KCM (Kentucky Center for Mathematics). Her excitement

has been contagious and we are seeing a renewed vigor implementing many of her newly-acquired strategies for developing strong number sense. Teresa has done a fantastic job of networking with members of KCM's statewide professional learning community and is constantly 'finding something out' for one of our math teachers."

As Teresa has stepped into the MIT role, Salem Elementary continues to reap the benefits of receiving the Mathematics Achievement Fund. Principal Grider said he has seen a significant rise in the percentage of students scoring proficient and distinguished on end of the year testing. Especially encouraging is the continued improvement as each year a greater percentage of students are successful with grade level mathematics and that students receiving intensive mathematics intervention in kindergarten are more likely to succeed in first and second grade.

Kentucky is fortunate to have wonderful teachers such as Teresa as she brings passion, knowledge, an eagerness for learning, and sets a shining example for both her students and colleagues.