

Compass Chronicle

Exceptional Scholar Services | Winter 2019

Hello Compass Parents and Scholars!

I do hope that everyone has returned from our Winter break relaxed and geared up for more learning! In the Exceptional Scholar Services Department, we are on track with Specialized Academic Instruction (SAI) sessions and we are hard at work writing and facilitating IEP meetings as well.

Our scholars are always amazing us with the excitement they bring as they work with our dedicated providers committed to supporting them with their IEP goals.

If you are not already aware, we continue to be short a few special education teachers, but as a solution, we have contracted with Anchor and their providers have adapted to our Compass programs quickly. I have heard high praises for their providers from many of you so thank you for sharing your positive feedback.

I thank everyone for their patience as we continue to seek out dedicated Special Education teachers for our scholars. As always, if you have any concerns, please reach out to me directly.

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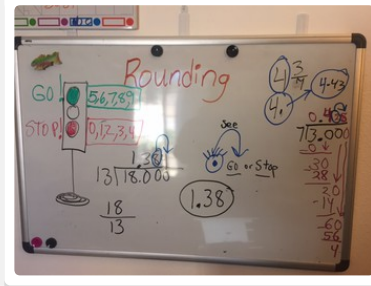
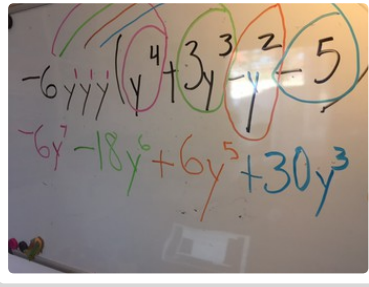


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What's New in Exceptional Scholar Services?

Every day, our teachers send me updates about your scholar's newest achievements or what we call "a-ha" moments. Whether it be a quicker path to solving a ratio, or a mnemonic reminder for a spelling rule or a math fact, we take great pride in your scholar's successes!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Please meet the amazing Leslie Sharma, Special Education Instructor

CCS: What is your job title and what are a couple of the things you do at Compass Charter Schools?

Leslie: My name is Leslie Sharma, I am a Special Education Instructor at Compass Charter Schools. I have the privilege of working with scholars on IEPs. I conduct weekly Specialized Academic Instruction with my scholars where we work on their individual needs.

CCS: How long have you worked for this organization?

Leslie: I have worked for Compass for two months.

CCS: Tell us your “why” for doing what you do here at CCS?

Leslie: I love helping scholars become the best they can be. I hope to be an advocate for scholars with special needs as well as a support to parents in the education of their child.

CCS: As an educator, is there a piece of advice you’d like to share with learning coaches or scholars?

Leslie: Stay positive and always ask for help! Life can sometimes be overwhelming but when we work together, anything is possible.

CCS: Share one thing about you would very few people know?

Leslie: I was in a very serious car accident when I was in my early 20s and that caused short term memory loss. I had to go to cognitive therapy for a few months to help with the memory loss. After that experience, I decided to become a Special Education Instructor. I can relate to having to learn and relearn in different ways, first hand!

CCS: What do you and your family like to do during your free time?

Leslie: We love playing board and card games! Uno is the current go-to.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Comments

Are you enjoying the educational experience at Compass? Tell us! We want to hear from you. Why did you decide to join the Compass family? Or, what do you love most about being part of our community? Share your comments and all of your wonderful experiences at Compass with us! [Click here](#) to share.

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