

Marisa Neeson: “A Shining Star”



Marisa Neeson, Early Learning Coordinator for North Penn, believes that lighting a candle instead of cursing the darkness means being part of the solution rather than complaining about a problem. She shares, “One of the main reasons that I chose to become a teacher was to be able to inspire my students to reach their fullest potential no matter what! I strive everyday to be positive and to do what I can do to make the world a better place. It is my privilege to play a role in the lives of children, to shape young minds, and to help them create the best future imaginable. I believe that teachers are heroes. I believe that we have the power to make a difference everyday. I consider myself incredibly blessed to work in this profession with such amazing people.”

Marisa’s colleague and office-mate, Brett Baker, explains that, “Marisa’s desire to see ALL students succeed is evident in everything she does. Not only does she strive to allow all students to be successful and feel important, but it extends to her daily routine with everyone. When Marisa asks the question, ‘How are you doing?’ she really is interested in HOW YOU ARE DOING! This greeting is not just a pleasantry for Marisa, but a way of life, a way of being, a way of

respecting everyone as an important individual. Marisa is more than a light for North Penn, she is a shining star.”

This is Marisa’s sixth year with North Penn School District. Prior to working in North Penn, she taught in the Reading School District and also served as a Continuing Professional Education Instructor. Marisa lives with her husband, Tom, and four children, Michael, Molly, Max, and Megan, as well as their adorable Havashire, Trixie. She enjoys spending time with family and friends and loves outdoor activities, antique shopping, movie watching, and Reese’s Peanut Butter cups!