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TechStart Instructor/Summer Camp Instructor

Joined TAF in June 2007

BIO:

Derya Baykent is doing her Ph.D. and graduate teaching assistant in the Teacher Education Department, College of Education, at the University of Washington. So far Derya spent 12 years as a teacher in her native land of Turkey and here in Seattle. She attended Middle East Technical University and graduated with degrees in physics, and education, and then began her career teaching physics, science, mathematics, and, language in elementary, secondary and high school levels in cross cultural settings. Her academic interests encompass helping kids with personality development as well as improving their learning capacity.

During her master's degree, she developed informal assessment techniques to foster the work habits of kids both individually as well as in a team setting. She later applied these techniques to K1 through K5 grade students back in Turkey for two years, and then adapted these techniques to eighth graders at a local Seattle middle school for a year as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher. She has been successfully adapted this work to her T.A.F. classes as well.

Derya has been teaching summer camps and the after school program at Technology Access Foundation since 2007. As a program instructor, she has been able to implement the most recent techniques that combine her cross-cultural experience with the latest research on learning, including scientific inquiry methods, metacognition, motivation, and literacy. She also places a great deal of importance to globalization of education, social justice and creating an environment geared towards equal learning opportunities. So far at T.A.F. these techniques have demonstrated to be very successful.

2007-2008 Teacher of the Year!

"Derya brings out a love of learning in her classroom. She is an innovative and dedicated teacher who not only helps her student reach their educational goals, but also fosters self-esteem and promotes a shared sense of accomplishment in her classroom."

- Lynn DeMarco,
TAF Program Director



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