Travels

Study Abroad at La Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain Teaching Abroad:Malaysia; ESL Travel Abroad: Germany, France, Australia, Japan, Thailand, Bali, Singapore U.S. Travel: CA, NM, CO, TX, SD, ND, MN, VA, DC,

Family

Middle of 5 Kids (older brother & sister; younger brother & sister)

Daughters-Mia 17, Lauren 26, Son-in-Law Tim 30; first grandchild due Jan. 20th

> Cats: Cambry Cookie Caesar Dog: Coale-the big black lab

Education

1st Gen High School Graduate 1st Gen College Graduate Texas A&M University-B.A. '84; M.S. '96

EducatorTexas, Oklahoma, NC
Abroad: Malaysia
Elementary, Middle, High School, University
Regular Elementary, Bilingual, ESL, Spanish
Asst. Principal-Pre-K through 5th
WIDA
SIOP Pearson

Passions

KT, NC, SC, FL, LA, MD, NY

Working with kids Collaborating Team Building

Hilda de León



Favorites

Mexican, Thai, Indian food Breweries Wineries Chocolate Desserts

Read(ing)

Greenville Book Club
Nook and Book:
Greenville Book Club
12 Years a Slave
Dreamkeepers
The Death of Santini
Change by Design
Creating Innovators
I Read it, but I Don't Get it

TIBs (This I Believe)

WE can help people (students)
Everyone has gifts & potential
I believe in the potential & bright futures of our youth
Life is good; Life is short

What lies behind us and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Hobbies

Reading
Writing
Baking
Cooking
Bike Riding
Traveling
Running 5K's
Tabata and Athletic Conditioning- Tier1 CrossFit



Top 10 Pet Peeves of Hilda Aurora de León

- 10) Negativity- "The glass is half empty"
- 9) Impatience
- 8) "Can't" attitude (My students CAN'T...) v. "CAN DO" attitude...(my students can...)
- 7) Not knowing the students you teach...
 What do they bring to the classroom? What do you bring to the classroom? (culturally, linguistically, skills, interests, home, favorites, etc...) Take the time to gather information about the student... conference with students and create a student profile by asking or having them write about home life, other classes, language barriers?, etc...I have a few different styles of student profile templates, if you'd like them, email me at:

 hdeleon@wcpss.net
- 6) Classrooms without a routine, high expectations socially and academically, & challenging lessons
- 5) Unwilling to share, collaborate, communicate...
- 4) Lack of Lesson Planning and no on-going formative assessments (It is our responsibility to give formative assessments before we give summative assessments; you know where the students are and the students know what they need to practice, review, etcetera.
- 3) Lack of targets, goals, objectives = No growth/achievement (How will you get the students there?) A roadmap
- 2) No home contact; the <u>good</u> and the <u>not so good</u> with parents/guardians. Reach out and make a connection at the beginning of the year with a positive phone call or email.

#1 Pet Peeve

Doing the same thing repeatedly despite knowing that it does NOT work and unwilling to CHANGE (Try something NEW, different, and out of your comfort zone...you might surprise yourself & the students might surprise you.)

Pledge to know your students, plan for meaningful lessons, & try something new in the classroom.