

Participant Feedback for Grace Dearborn

Note: quotes are in order of experience with novice teachers' comments first and super-veterans' comments last

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

“This is the best and most useful workshop I have ever attended.” *SHAWN 4th grade, 1st year*

“Absolutely wonderful presentation! Information provided was imminently useful, practical, and doable. Grace presented a lively and interesting program, quick paced and witty. Her real world examples illustrated techniques and procedures explicitly. This has been one of the very best professional workshops I have ever attended.” *BARRY 2nd grade, 3rd year*

“Excellent, practical strategies. Very “take-and-use” in format. I especially like the focus on assuming the best in all students. It gives a positive outlook to every situation, regardless of the child’s behavior. Thank you!!” *LISA, 4th Grade, 4th year*

“It was a nice surprise to actually have immediate tools to have with me as I teach tomorrow. And, I was INSPIRED!! Thank you.” *ESTHER, 3rd Grade, 4th year*

Wow! Wow! Wow! This was the best workshop I’ve ever attended! Not only was it full of information, but it was entertaining. I have so many new ideas that I can’t wait to implement. I wish I had this workshop years ago. Thank you!” *ANONYMOUS, 1st Grade, 7th year*

“The most practical staff development ever!” *BOB 3rd grade, 13th year*

“This was great and hands-on for SST meetings.” *DARLENE Principal, 7th year in administration*

“One of the most practical, empowering, and well-delivered professional development sessions I have had the opportunity to attend.” *DAVE, Superintendent, Cedar Rapids Iowa Elementary School District, 37th year*

SECONDARY TEACHERS

“She is bright. She is fun. She is hilarious. She knows the material. I love her! Its useful and this seminar was a great use of time.” *MATTHEW, Math/Science, 1st year*

“Grace was great! Never have I been so engaged in a workshop! Innovative and fun strategies that I will certainly use!” *SUSAN, Math/Science, 4th year*

“Today’s workshop was probably the best teacher training I have attended in 7 years of full-time teaching! Thank you!” *JOY, Special Ed, 7th year*

“One of the best in-services I’ve had in 8 years of teaching. I especially appreciate her concrete examples and modeling of each concept. Awesome job.” *ANONYMOUS, Math, 8th year*

“Grace was fabulous, using/modeling best practices as she delivered her content. The content was valuable, accessible, and I will use it!” *NATALIE, English, 10th year*

“I enjoyed the workshop. There was a wealth of information given that I will be able to use this year and the coming years.” *ANONYMOUS, PE, 14th year*

“Excellent presentation. I am so honored to receive this quality and valuable training. Thank you! An appreciative veteran teacher, Sheila K.” *SHEILA, Special Ed., 25th year*

“Great job. Thanks for being a pro- good ideas, good humor, good pace.” *GLORIA, Art, 27th year*

“Normally, I hate these days. However, this was a wonderful day!! Kudos to you for such an interesting experience!” *MARY, Home Ec, 33rd year*

More Participant Feedback

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“Thank you so much for sharing your best practices! I thoroughly enjoyed the class. It was well worth giving up a Saturday to be here! What a goldmine of information!” *KIM 2nd Grade, 2nd year*

“Thank you so much! This is my most difficult school year yet and I feel that I was able to take away tools that I can use.” *MONICA 3rd Grade, 4th year*

“Awesome presentation! Inspiring! Refreshing! Fun!” *VERONICA 1st Grade, 11th year*

“I loved the useful and very specific strategies. Too often we just hear theories or general statements. You were very enjoyable and fun to listen to.” *KECIA, 1st grade, 11th year*

“These are ideas I needed to hear about at this stage in my career- I tend to give up on some kids I’ve tried ‘everything’ with- and now I feel rejuvenated and ready to start anew- Cheers!” *BARBARA, 4/5 combo, 11th year*

“Wow! How can I even begin to thank you for such a wonderful workshop/day?! I can’t wait to try so many effective new teaching strategies! This was the most helpful and wonderful inservice ever!” *LISA, Kindergarten, 17th year*

“Fast paced- Very enthusiastic- lots of strategies/reminders to take back tomorrow!” *KIM, Reading Coach, 21st year*

“Wonderful! Fantastic! Practical! I could stay longer to hear more!” *BARB, Counselor, 35th year*

“Many practical ideas for improving classroom management and school-wide discipline. One of the most informative and enjoyable workshops I’ve attended in a long time.” *DAN Asst. Principal, 36th year*

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“Going into my first year of teaching, my biggest concern was figuring out effective classroom management. This presentation has helped me grow leaps and bounds in that area by providing me with specific strategies that I feel comfortable implementing. I have a head full of ideas now... it’s not as daunting anymore.” *VEN – Math, 1st year*

“Thank you so much for the BEST professional teacher development day I’ve been to! I graduated from grad school 3 years ago, so I’ve had a lot of ‘classes.’ This was simply awesome!!” *CRISTINE, English/ELD, 2nd year*

“Grace was very funny and won over even skeptical teachers.” *ERIN, English, 7th year*

“Thank God education has Grace Dearborn! A breath of fresh air! A presenter that actually practices what she preaches!” *ALLISON, Core, 8th year*

“An exceptional workshop taught by a warm, confident, entertaining, and very wise presenter. Grace is passionate and powerful!” *MATTHEW, Music, 11th year*

“No one fell asleep or talked through meeting. Says a lot.” *SUE, Intervention, 13th year*

“I got so much out of this workshop, even things that were modeled but not the focus of the presentation. LOVE YOUR HUMOR!!” *KAREN, PE, 19th year*

“I’ll admit I was one of the folks who signed up for the per diem incentive! However, I have learned so much today and am looking forward to re-tooling some of my management approaches this school year. Your tone/approach to presenting to adults was such a treat.” *LISA, Core, 28th year*

“Excellent!!! More, more, more!” *MARY, Special Ed., 34th year*

And Still More Participant Feedback

K-12 MENTORS

“This has been one of the best workshops I have attended in my teaching career. The ideas are practical and helpful for me as a teacher and a mentor.” ANONYMOUS, English, 8th year

“These are all simple yet priceless bits of info to share with others. You are enthusiastic, humorous and fun! Thank you for not ruining my weekend!” JAY, English, 9th year

“This has been the BEST training I have attended ever! The ideas were realistic and very practical in the ‘real’ classroom. I can’t wait to go back and share these ideas.” RAYCHELLE, 5th Grade, 10th year

“Wow! Ideas I can use with my general ed and special ed teachers. Grace was motivating, practical, and realistic. Wonderful presenter!” PAULETTE, Spec Ed, 12th year

“Outstanding! Ideas will reinvigorate my teaching.” ANONYMOUS, Science, 13th year

“In 23 years of teaching and attending PD classes, this is the first time I have walked away feeling that I not only learned something but also felt validated for some things I am already doing right.” ELISE, Kindergarten, 23rd year

“Thank you! You are truly and expert. Useful, useful, useful! I can use this right away.” CYNTHIA, 1st Grade, 23rd year

“Grace Dearborn has provided THE BEST instructional inservice I’ve ever attended.” TONY, English, 28th year

“Excellent suggestions that will not only help me to be a better support provider but also enhance my own practice.” ANONYMOUS, Math, 32nd year

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“You were great. I love the real-life examples. For new teachers it is truly the things they don’t teach you in college.” TINA, Science, 2nd year

“Great! I usually think these seminars are a waste of time, but I can’t say it this time. You are an effective, enthusiastic, positive and excellent presenter. Your experience shows. Thank you.” JAN, English, 2nd year

“Great, informative, time-efficient, practical, and added new insights to old concepts, Inspired me!” ANONYMOUS, English, 9th year

“Re-energizing! Amazing and easy ways to help teachers teach!” STEF, Asst Principal, 10th year

“This workshop was very educational. I learned more practical techniques in 1 day than in the whole credential program.” MICHELLE, Spanish, 10th year teaching

“As a ‘teacher with no behavior issues in her classroom’ I was reticent to come today, but I am very pleased that I did. I leave with a “full plate” of strategies and the realization that I do have some behavior problems to address. Excellent presentation!” ANNIE, Art, 11th year

“The absolute best presentation ever! AWESOME!” BOB, Spec Ed, 12th year

“This is the best workshop I have been to in a long time. Great strategies and ways to establish procedures and ways to gain the cooperation of the students I teach.” MARY, Music, 14th year

“Fantastic Presentation- as a 15 year veteran I honestly would say this is in my top 3 of all workshops I have ever been to!” FRED, History, 15th year

“I love it when I come away from a workshop with useful information.” JAN, English, 32nd year