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My Inspirational Teacher

"Rainbow Bear, you can fly!" is just one of the funny stories that Mrs. Flemming taught our 4th grade class. She didn't make up these stories; her daughters were hilarious when they were little and helped make us laugh. She was my favorite teacher because she always put our class first and took the time to get to know all my class mates. It was my first year at Spencer Loomis Elementary school and she really helped me feel comfortable there.

I was having trouble adjusting to the new school and was having a hard time with reading. She helped me get interested in Harry Potter and become a better reader. I was struggling and was having a hard time during school and she put my feelings first. When I was having a hard time adjusting to my school she would talk to me and get to know me more and learn about my interests. It gave me someone to talk to and share what I was feeling.

Closer to the middle of the year I was having trouble with someone in my class. She said something I didn't like and I started crying. Mrs. Flemming came right away and helped us work through it. She always wanted us to get along so she had us have little meetings in the beginning of class once a week to talk about it. We would draw and talk about our lives.

Something else that I loved about Mrs. Flemming is she took the time out of our class to teach us about our brain. She was the only teacher that did this. She taught us about our feelings and our amygdala. We even did a project where we made our own amygdala. It was a little jar with glitter and sand. When we were mad we would shake it up and watch all the sand and glitter fall back to the bottom of the jar to calm us down.

These three reasons of many show that Mrs. Flemming is such an amazing teacher. It shows how she cares for her students and wants to help them achieve great things in life. I am so thankful that I got to have her as my 4th grade teacher. And what she taught me continues to help me today.