

*"Our family is very fortunate to have Mr. Killeen as our son Alex's third grade teacher. The creativity and passion that Mr. Killeen has for writing has carried over to Alex who not only enjoys writing more, but now expresses himself much more vocally and confidently. It is genuinely inspiring to watch an educator such as Mr. Killeen create within his students a deeply-intrinsic excitement about learning to truly communicate with the world around them."*

- Colan Kwock

United States Presidential Scholar

University of Hawaii Regents Scholar

Masters of Science, Electrical Engineering, USC

Technical Fellow, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems

"My son had Sean Killeen as his 4th grade teacher. My son entered 4th grade with a good background in writing. Honestly, he has always had a talent for writing. In Mr. Killeen's class, writing was an obvious priority. There was a writing assignment every single day. The message was clear: Practice, practice, practice. You must practice writing in order to become better at writing. It is exactly the same principle as when an athlete practices his/her sport or a musician practices on his/her instrument. There may be a natural talent, but that talent needs to be refined. Flash forward a couple years and my son has recently completed his first year of middle school. There is a **lot** of writing in middle school! There are reports, projects, and posters that are due. My son needed to express opinions, write narratives, persuade others, etc. It definitely stretched his imagination and he had to put forth some effort on these assignments. He did well! At the middle school's end-of-year Open House, we were able to see a collection of our son's writing projects that his teacher had kept for the Open House. My mind immediately went back to all that writing he did in 4th grade. You start with a good base and you build on it. You learn the various forms of writing and then you practice. Then, you practice some more. To see my son develop his mind, his creativity, his opinions, etc. and be able to express himself clearly on paper is such a blessing."

Barbara Penhalegon

Dear Mr. Killeen:

I want to take a few minutes to let you know that words can't express how thankful we are about having you as our daughter's teacher in third grade. Samantha, who enjoys writing developed an unbelievable new style of writing. As parents we tend sometimes to exaggerate our kids talents, but in our case my husband and I just simply could not wait until she wrote something. The way she learned to use figurative language was so strong that even watching a movie she will call it out. Mr. Killeen, the list of changes we saw in our daughter during third grade is so large that I can't write it in this email and for that I want to thank you. We wish you all the best in your career and we wish Arnold has a Mr. Killeen for many years to come. Your style and teaching methods are very effective. I had the opportunity to have some of the other students in my house for play days and they all spoke highly of you and I think that says it all.

Once again THANK YOU for all you taught our daughter and we hope to see you in 4th grade.

All the best,

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CARMENZA ADAMS

Student Testimonial

Dear Mr. Killeen,

Thank you for helping me grow this year. You are the best teacher there could be. I never knew I could be so good at writing and I wouldn't be if you didn't shape me into such an amazing writer. You have made the best possible 3rd grade year there could be for me. You have done so much for me throughout this unbelievable year. I will always keep my spirit and passion for writing not only to keep you happy, but myself too. This will be an unforgettable year with memories to last a lifetime. From:



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