



## **Leah Summers (ECD – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

*"Children learn through interacting: interacting with teachers, peers, environment, and content."*

*AJA is a school that values process, rather than product. To put it another way, we focus on verbs, rather than nouns. My goal is that our students not be satisfied with a static reservoir of information, but learn to seek out opportunities to use and apply the information in meaningful ways. A learner at AJA never arrives at an end, as each new learning begets new questions to be answered and new problems to be solved.*

*"We teach kids; not just curriculum."*

*At all levels, learning must be developmentally appropriate and unique to the needs and styles of the individual. Therefore, for me, the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual needs of the individual student are as important as the content we teach.*

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