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"What we do changes the world!"

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Professional Biography

Melissa Miller is a National Board-Certified Teacher who currently teaches first grade at *Franklin Elementary School* in Franklin, Tennessee for the *Franklin Special School District*. A teacher for 20 years, Mrs. Miller's enthusiasm and passion has set the tone for learning, whether teaching her students or sharing teaching strategies with adults. Mrs. Miller has the opportunity to inform education policy at the state level as a member of the Tennessee Commissioner of Education's *Teacher Advisory Council*. Mrs. Miller also advocates for the teaching profession as the **2019 Tennessee Teacher of the Year**.

Lessons Learned

- **Relationships Matter:** Building relationships is key to unlocking the potential each child has to be a difference maker in the world. Education transcends the classroom in both place and time as students make connections and get a clearer vision of who and what they want to become.
- **Let your purpose fuel your passion.** Let your passion change the world. Remember your WHY!
- WE become champions by giving **"every child, every chance, every day"** to feel and to become successful. WHATEVER it takes!

Favorite Resources

- "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." **—Helen Keller**
- "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." **—Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." **—Colossians 3:23** [NIV]
- **1 Corinthians 13** drives not only my marriage but also my classroom.

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