

# PRIYA KANELLAKIS-OBİ

## Lead Teacher

Lead elementary teacher with 14 years of classroom experience and 5 years as a grade-level lead and literacy coach. Builds teacher capacity through coaching cycles, data meetings, and curriculum redesign that holds up under MCA testing pressure.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

Ed.S., Curriculum and Instruction  
University of Minnesota, 2020

M.Ed., Reading Instruction  
Hamline University, 2015

B.S., Elementary Education  
St. Cloud State University, 2011

MN Tier 4 Teaching License  
K-6; Reading Teacher 5-12  
endorsement; LETRS Volumes 1 and 2  
complete

## SKILLS

- Instructional coaching cycles
- Structured literacy and LETRS-aligned PD
- CKLA and Wit & Wisdom implementation
- FastBridge and MCA data analysis
- MTSS and Tier 2/3 group design
- Adult learning and PD facilitation
- School improvement planning
- Curriculum writing and rubric design
- Equity-centered instruction
- Mentoring and induction

## EXPERIENCE

### Lead Teacher and Literacy Coach (K-5) | Birchwood Commons Elementary | Saint Paul, MN | 2022-Present

- Coach 14 K-5 teachers through 6-week coaching cycles, with co-planning, modeled lessons, and observation debriefs.
- Led the K-2 transition to a structured literacy curriculum (CKLA), including 40 hours of summer PD I planned and delivered.
- School moved from 58% to 79% proficient on the MCA reading assessment over two years.
- Chair the building leadership team and co-write the school improvement plan with the principal.
- Run monthly data meetings using FastBridge benchmarks to set Tier 2 groups across the building.

### Grade-Level Lead, Fourth Grade | Tamarack Heights Elementary | Roseville, MN | 2018-2022

- Led a team of six fourth-grade teachers across two buildings; aligned pacing, assessments, and intervention criteria.
- Built a writing rubric and exemplar bank now used district-wide in grades 3-5.
- Co-facilitated the district's new teacher academy for two summers, training around 35 incoming teachers.
- Taught full-time alongside coaching duties; class averaged 88% proficient on the state writing assessment.
- Sat on the district equity committee and helped revise the K-5 social studies scope and sequence.

### Third Grade Teacher | Tamarack Heights Elementary | Roseville, MN | 2014-2018

- Taught self-contained third grade with class sizes of 26-30.
- Developed a guided math model adopted by the grade-level team in year two.
- Served as building rep to the teachers union for two years.
- Earned district Teacher of the Year nomination in 2017.

### First Grade Teacher | Linden Grove Elementary | Bloomington, MN | 2011-2014

- Taught first grade in a high-mobility school with about 40% MLL enrollment.
- Built a phonics scope and sequence used by the first-grade team for three years.
- Co-led the school's Read Across America week, including author visits.

- Mentored a student teacher who is now a literacy coach in the same district.