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"I was in first grade when I received my first gold star. It was shiny and smooth and had been placed at the top of my spelling test. When Mrs. Mills handed it to me, she winked and smiled as if the two of us shared a secret. I will never forget that gold star."

---Anthony, age 8

As a second career, education has been my true calling for the last several years. I have been fortunate to spend these years at Bethany Elementary, as a fifth grade Bobcat and then as a Bullfrog in first grade. My undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in biology eventually led to Texas certification in Elementary Education with a specialization in reading and additional certification in Special Education. I am currently First Grade Team Leader.

I believe that each student can be successful. I am committed to each student's learning how to think for themselves and I strive to support their independence. Each student must feel safe and secure to grow as learners and thinkers. I provide an environment where they are comfortable taking risks in their thinking, and we can celebrate their successes. I hand out gold stars.