

Mary Grace Sileo

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Mary is a high school teacher who recently completed her third year teaching in rural Virginia. Throughout her teaching career, she has been a dedicated advocate for providing students with a meaningful reading experience and empowering them to discover their own voices through writing. Recognizing the importance of student choice in fostering a love for reading, Mary Grace has focused her efforts on expanding her classroom library. By curating a diverse collection of books that resonate with her students' interests and backgrounds, she aims to significantly increase the number of students who have access to literature they genuinely enjoy.

However, Mary Grace's vision extends beyond simply offering enjoyable reading material. She is passionate about instilling a lifelong passion for reading and writing in her students. Believing in the transformative power of authentic literature, she holds the firm conviction that it can enhance empathy, push individuals out of their comfort zones, and expose them to new and unfamiliar perspectives, promoting self-discovery and growth.

Through her unwavering commitment to cultivating a nurturing and intellectually stimulating environment, Mary Grace Sileo has demonstrated her dedication to helping students thrive academically and personally. She has passion for education, belief in the transformative power of literature and she is poised to continue making a lasting impact on the lives of her students.