

## My Teacher

Kristen Moaikel, English teacher for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade gifted at P.S. DuPont Middle School, creates a perfect learning experience for all of her students every day, and helps us maintain our “American Dream”. She has enlightened us in many of the various parts of ELA, including grammar, narrative elements, and excellent writing skills. I recall once, the day before our first parts of speech quiz, we played a game. In this activity, a word, such as “farm” or “the”, was assigned to each of us, and we had to find other classmates with words which help make a complete sentence. Afterwards, we reviewed each word and its part of speech. We have completed many different writing prompts throughout the year as well. Our first major assignment was about people from the Middle Ages. Our prompts gradually became harder, but the quality of work also improved as her students learned through the assignments. This enables us to live the “American Dream” because writing is very essential to most professions. By strengthening our writing, Mrs. Moaikel opens up new career opportunities. She is usually very open to discussion during class, and our conversations about the books we read helped me understand the text so much better. She drops hints during the discussion as to what the literature really means. For example, just recently, we started *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame, and we talked about satire, what it is, and how Grahame used it in the book. She grades our work fairly, and always knows how to make each class interesting. The assignments and homework she gives are never unreasonable, and she always makes the best of class time, whether it’s giving us time to work on the assignments, reading a book, teaching a lesson, or even playing a game. Even when I’m really depressed, her class always makes me smile. Mrs. Moaikel is very clearly one of the best English teachers in the whole state because she ensures us to live and breathe the “American Dream”.

My name is Vasu Jayanthi, and this is my essay for the teacher appreciation essay contest. I am in 6th grade and attend P.S. duPont Middle School