At Your Service: Cassadie Ross

Who are you and what can you do for me?

I'm Cassadie Ross and I've been teaching in this district for the past twelve years. I've taught language arts and social studies to grades 6-8, and I'm also endorsed for high school English and French.

I've been given this wonderful opportunity to help you, FRSD teachers! For the remainder of the school year, I'll be available to help you be the best teacher you can be.

OKAY, FINE. BUT WHAT CAN YOU REALLY DO FOR ME??

I can help with student engagement and motivation

Let me help you write strong objectives and use guiding questions to fuel your students' engagement

I can summarize the wealth of information from Skillful Teacher and help you find practical application for these strategies in your classroom

I'd love to help you design and implement a personalized classroom management plan

I will gladly help you differentiate your instruction and maximize your use of our fabulous IAs (including TAG instruction)

I can help you prepare your students for transition to middle and/or high school

I will sharpen pencils and scrape gum off the bottom of your desks. (Just checking to see if you are still reading...) But really, if you need something from me, I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work to make your life easier!

Areas of Interest, Fixation, "Expertise"

Reading Strategies! Do you love teaching reading to a wide range of abilities? Do you enjoy scaffolding each lesson to meet the needs of your diverse learners? Do you love close reading/text annotation so much that you carry a highlighter with you at all times? Great, me too!

I can help you include a plethora of reading strategies into your already awesome curriculum. These strategies include:

- Close reading/text annotation (woohoo!)
- Literature Circles (grades 3-10)
- Vocabulary instruction that's actually fun
- Writing text-dependent questions that are not simply recall
- Disguising comprehension strategies as fun classroom activities

And everyone's favorite: **WRITING!** Let me help you find ways to bring more writing instruction into your classroom. I'd be thrilled to help you with:

- 6+1 Traits/ODE Essential Skills writing instruction
- Design and implementation of Writers' Workshops
- Using short, focused mini-lessons to strengthen and maintain strong writing skills in your students

Are you ready? Let's do this!

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