Colleague Interviews: Linda Borchert

1. How long have you been teaching?

18 years

2. Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

I had a wonderful 4th grade teacher and I wanted to be a teacher after having her.

3. Have you observed any problems within the education system? If so what problems?

I am very sad with the education system. We do not have the funding and there are too many students in a first grade classroom. I feel that our state does not value education and that frustrates me. The demands on the teacher are getting more and more and very little support is given. I did not go into teaching to get paid a lot of money but very sad that a single educated parent has to have a second job to support their family.

4. Has mainstreaming classrooms had any effect on you and how your classroom is run?

We have a new ASD program that is new to our school this year. I think it is a wonderful program to have the students mainstreaming into the classroom but they need to keep our numbers lower to be able to give ALL the students what they need.