



MEET THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2025-2026

Mr. Apodaca



Mr. Apodaca is a dedicated educator with more than 13 years of experience serving students and communities in a variety of roles, including school librarian, city librarian, and classroom teacher. He began his career as a school librarian with the Pasadena Unified School District in 2008 and, in 2012, became the school librarian at Dorothy Grant Elementary School, where he proudly supported the school community for four years.

After several years teaching at Sierra Lakes, Mr. Apodaca returned "home" to the Dorothy Grant community, where he now teaches kindergarten at Dorothy Grant Innovations Academy. Throughout his career, Mr. Apodaca has remained committed to nurturing young learners, fostering a love of reading, and creating a welcoming environment where every child feels supported and inspired to grow.

