



Diane Hediger

PreK Teacher

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Diane Hediger continually searches for new ideas to enhance learning in her classroom. One of her most inspired initiatives was creating a special year-long theme called *Passport to Learning*. She decorates her classroom with images of clouds, airplanes, and colorful destinations.



Then, she gives each child a “passport,” which is stamped every time they learn a new skill. By the end of the year, they have imprints indicating they know their numbers, the upper and lower case alphabet, and even a list of words they can read.

Outside of her classroom —and with no extra compensation for her work— Ms. Hediger has facilitated a competition in which 7th and 8th graders create a miniature “*Future City*” that is judged by actual engineers. Over the years, her students have won 1st Place in the Philadelphia region, and additional awards in the national competition.

Ms. Hediger was nominated by her school principal, who told us she was one of the best teachers she had ever worked with!