

Linda Brack teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade science in League City, Texas

Linda's profile:

Hometown: League City, Texas

Major at TAMUG: Ocean and Coastal Resources

Why did you choose a career in teaching? I chose to teach 8th grade Earth Science due to my love of the subject.

Number of years in classroom: 4

My School: Space Center Intermediate

How I motivate my students to learn: My students complete two or three labs each week. I teach my students that this is their class, and that they have the ability to teach themselves, which is why they love creating their own labs.

My educational philosophy: My educational philosophy is that my students teach themselves. I am a facilitator in their class, and they have the ability to teach themselves.

My long term career goals: I plan to stay in the classroom; I do not currently have plans to work in administration.

Favorite part of my job: The "ah-ha!" look on my student's faces when it finally "clicks".

Least favorite part of my job: The significant planning time required in a science position creating labs, setting up and breaking down the labs, and grading labs.

Last Book I read: Jimmy Buffett's *Swine Not?*

My Hobbies: Swimming, Scrapbooking, Shopping, teacher development