



A Principal's Gratitude - Antonia Bousch

For the many of our ES faculty fortunate to attend the Earcos Foundations in Math Workshop held at RIS November 15-16, 2014, we were inspired to think about math deeply and mindfully for the benefit of the beautiful young minds that we encounter everyday. Sara Garrett, a skilled RIS practitioner and presenter, shared her wealth of pedagogical knowledge with us in an engaging and thought provoking presentation.

As a principal of 17 years, it is moments like these that I realize I am working with an amazing educator. I marvel at the preparation, content, delivery and passion that went into this workshop, and that she shares both her knowledge and love of teaching with others in an authentic and selfless act fills me with gratitude-gratitude that fills my heart and gratitude that nourishes real self-growth and expansion.

Sara's skill as a presenter and her deep content knowledge of math did not go unnoticed by those in attendance from Malaysia, China, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam. Participants embraced her wholeheartedly and here is what some of them had to say:



"This is one of the very best workshops that I have been to in a long time. I was happy to have an actual classroom teacher present. The immediate connection to actual lives of kids matters a lot."

"The workshop was relevant, organized and well done!"

"Sara's presentation was engaging and a lovely refresher that learning is never ending as an educator. I was inspired to reflect on the way I teach math to young children."

What a gift we have right here at RIS.