

Dayton Dragons MVP: An Educational Success Story

A game plan and good coaching gave this student what it took to be an MVP.



Dianne's game plan for the classroom has her on her way to the Big Leagues

In baseball, stars aren't just born.

To become a star, a player must come up with a game plan for what they want to accomplish, soak up all of the advice they can from their coaching staff and practice tirelessly.

Dianne Spencer, a student at Northwestern Elementary in Clark County, followed that same path in her fourth grade classroom this year and ended up with MVP results.

At the beginning of her fourth grade year, Dianne was behind her classmates in reading and writing. Instead of giving up or being satisfied with these results, Dianne got a game plan going to turn it around.

After a meeting with her parents and her teacher, Ms. Gannon, everyone set the game plan in motion. Ms. Gannon was the manager. She set up the goals for Dianne to work towards, and showed her the path to achieve them. Her parents were the coaches. They helped her practice and improve on the finer points of her "academic game."

Dianne set out with her "coaching staff" and before long started to catch up in the classroom. She knew that just catching up wasn't going to get her to the "Big Leagues" though, after all, she wants to go to college and be a lawyer some day. She knew that she had to be the classroom leader, so she kept on practicing and honing her academic skills.

By the end of the school year, Dianne was pulling straight A's in Ms. Gannon's class. Like any good manager would, Ms. Gannon gave all of the credit to Dianne.



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"She has a fantastic work ethic," Ms. Gannon said. "Dianne succeeds because she never tells people that she can't do something. She always tells them that she'll try."

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