

MATH TEACHER

"AS LONG AS YOU'RE FOLLOWING YOUR PASSION AND YOUR DREAMS AND YOU PUT THE WORK IN YOU CAN BECOME ANYTHING YOU WANT."



TIERRA MARTIN

Pronunciation: (tee-air-uh mar-tin)

Location: Houston, Texas
Known for: 3rd grade math and science teacher, & My Math Stories founder

MATH HERO

"To be a good math teacher you must understand the concepts being taught and the ways that children learn them."

Tierra enjoys:

- Teaching topics like multiplication, division, and fractions using real-life situations.
- Using cooking to teach fractions. Students measure different ingredients for smoothies and figure out how to combine them to make a whole.
- Creating math videos for her classroom.

FINDING YOUR INNER MATHEMATICIAN

- Tierra Martin is a math and science teacher. She believes that a teacher helps students learn and become the best version of themselves.
- Tierra, a children's book author, also writes stories that focus on solving everyday math problems!
- Tierra makes sure that all her students know that she is there for them. She wants to make sure that no one she teaches is afraid of math.
- Tierra is always happy when a student learns something new. She feels most accomplished when she sees her students succeed.
- Tierra teaches her students to use the PULSE approach to solve math problems (Pause, Understand and Remember, Lay it Out, Solve, and Evaluate).

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