

**Felecia King, Lockhart Elementary Magnet School, Hillsborough County**

*“One of our goals as educators is to impact students to become life-long learners and life-long readers. I believe we can do this by utilizing our local newspaper.”*

Felecia was chosen as a 2017 Honorable Mention because of the diversity of the ways she has used the *Tampa Bay Times* across subjects including language arts, reading and math in her classroom over more than a decade of teaching.

Felecia has used the newspaper for close reading with comprehension, debates and reading fluency. She has used it to practice main idea, compare and contrast, author’s perspective and purpose, summarizing, context clues, inferencing and fact versus opinion.

She has used newspaper advertisements to teach math concepts such as addition, subtraction and multiplying decimals.

One of her favorite math activities is to give each student an imaginary \$20 to shop for items their parents typically purchase for their home. Not only does this teach unit pricing and cost comparisons in an engaging, relevant way, it also helps students to understand the choices their parents must make when making purchases for their families – what Felecia calls “life-long take-aways in a real-world way.”

Felecia believes that incorporating the newspaper in her lessons enhances student engagement, supports best practice and gives her students the opportunity to learn about their local community and city.