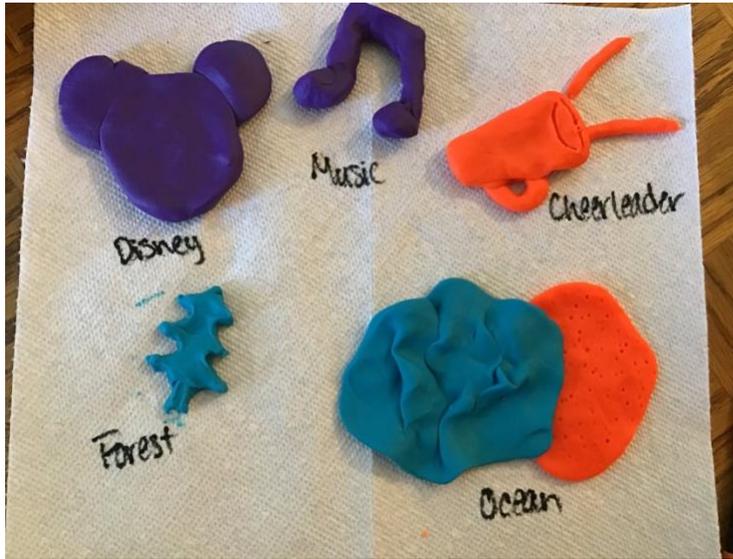


## NAAE Book Club Introductions – Heather Brown



Hello! I am Heather Brown, I'm going into my third year teaching and I teach on the north Oregon coast! I couldn't decide on just one thing to make with PlayDoh, so I decided to make multiple. The first one you see is supposed to be an outline of Mickey Mouse, indicating my unhealthy love (read: obsession) of all things Disney. From movies, to quotes, and from songs to Disneyland, there's just something magical about it all. The next thing is the music notes. I love music (though don't listen to me sing 😊). I will forever play music in my classroom and around my house because I actually can't stand silence. I grew up with 4 younger siblings, so I don't know what quiet even is at this point. The orange sideways coffee mug is supposed to be those things the cheerleaders use at college football games to amplify their voices and spread the pep. I love being a "cheerleader," but not in the traditional dance and Pom-Pom sort of way. I just love building people up and making sure that everyone feels good about themselves and don't beat themselves up too much. I also am generally a pretty positive person, and love sports in general. I picked orange for that because it also represents where I went to college (#GoBeavs) and the school colors for the current school I teach at. The bottom two things in my PlayDoh display both relate to nature. I grew up in a timber community and love seeing the Douglas firs all over the western half of the state! There's just something about being in the forest that brings me peace and tranquility when everything else seems to be in turmoil. And finally, the last one is supposed to be a beach scene with the ocean. Growing up, I have always loved going to the coast and seeing the ocean water crash into the sand. The Oregon coast certainly doesn't lack in beautiful scenery, and I am so blessed to be teaching there now and be surrounded by the beauty. Bonus: my Bitmoji riding a stegosaurus because it's my favorite dinosaur and consequently that's my new favorite Bitmoji. I'm so excited to do this book club with everybody!