



**Nomination Essay for Shannon Knight  
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Ms. Knight is a phenomenal teacher and very deserving of the Super Teacher Award. I would like to briefly highlight some of her unique classroom activities that are creative and bridge the home and school connection.

In an effort to avoid the inevitable "nothing" when parents ask students "what did you do in school today?" she sends nightly e-mails to parents with 4-7 questions they can ask their child about their day. She sends home pictures of the kids in action so the parents are able to see what happens while they are in her class. She planned a first grade reading night to explain to parents the way reading instruction is delivered and how parents can assist their child at home. She uses a food activity every week to assist with learning. The edible center integrates reading, writing and sequencing. The class also made edible flowers using licorice, frosting, rice cakes, candy corn and pretzels to meet the objective of constructing a plant.

Her classroom is completely integrated. If they are studying plants, then they will read books about plants at the reading center, watch United Streaming videos, complete simple research at the computer center and listen to fiction and non-fiction plant books at the listening center. Ms. Knight values each individual in her classroom. She is a master at differentiating instruction to meet the diverse learning styles in her classroom. She models appropriate behavior and provides

a safe and inviting learning environment for her students. In my 15 years in education, she is without a doubt the best teacher I have ever seen. I have the pleasure of supervising her and watching the magic happen in the eyes of her students every day. I hope I have allowed you the opportunity to see what a dynamic teacher Ms. Knight is.