



Teacher of the Month
April 2006

Diane Pruitt

The selection committee is proud to recommend that Mrs. Diane H. Pruitt, fifth grade teacher at Newbern Elementary School, be named as Teacher of the Month for April 2006. Diane has a B.S. in art education and elementary education from Concord College. She also has a M.S. degree from Radford University in curriculum and instruction. Diane has been an employee of Pulaski County Public Schools for twenty-one (21) years. Mrs. Pruitt began her career as a third grade teacher at Hiwassee Elementary School and has taught second grade at Newbern Elementary. She currently teaches fifth grade at Newbern.

Diane has distinguished herself as a dedicated teacher who enjoys the challenge of learning new strategies and techniques that will bring the excitement of learning for each of her students. She is described as a caring and nurturing individual who finds ways of encouraging students to believe in themselves. Mrs. Pruitt goes out of her way to engage her students in active learning.

Mrs. Pruitt has truly outstanding teaching skills and her students have always made great gains academically. However the most telling reason for her being named Teacher of the Month may come from the fact that she is a risk taker. Last year she was offered the challenge of an assignment at a new grade level. She has learned and successfully implemented a new curriculum. More importantly, Diane has created a family of active learners from a very diverse group of children.

Mrs. Pruitt's dedication and passion combined with her talents and experience offer huge contributions to Newbern Elementary School's students, staff and parents. These characteristics reflect great credit on her and the Pulaski County Public Schools.