



Teacher of the Month
February 2008

Tamara Gress – Critzer Elementary School

The selection committee is pleased to recommend Mrs. Tamara Gress as Teacher of the Month for February 2008. Mrs. Gress has been an employee of Pulaski County Public Schools for thirty-two (32) years.

Mrs. Gress is a graduate of Radford University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master's in Educational Media with certification in Library Science. She began her career teaching kindergarten, first and second grades at Riverlawn Elementary, and is currently media specialist at Critzer Elementary.

Tamara is recognized for creating a learning environment that constantly encourages children to read. She uses creative scheduling so that students not only visit the media center during their scheduled class once a week, but can also visit up to two times a day everyday to check out books for the Accelerated Reader program. While this practice certainly creates more work for Mrs. Gress, she believes that reading is the key to success so she is always willing to go the extra mile to put books in the hands of students. Her competence, enthusiasm, and positive attitude make her an asset to our profession.

Mrs. Gress consistently goes above and beyond in her commitment to students and colleagues and as such brings great credit to herself and the Pulaski County Public Schools.