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Creek View Elementary Teacher Achieves National Board Certification



Creek View Elementary School Teacher, Theresa Howard and her First Grade Class

This school year, Creek View Elementary welcomed Theresa Howard to our teaching staff. She came to us from Longwood, Florida. Mrs. Howard has twelve years of teaching experience. Two of those years were spent working on her National Board Teacher Certification. In December, 2007, Mrs. Howard was notified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards that she had achieved this prestigious honor.

The National Board Certification evaluation process is designed to assess evidence of accomplished teaching practices that are based on the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). Once you have submitted four portfolio entries and assessment center exercises, your complete work is scored by a minimum of 12 teachers who have had intensive training in the scoring process.

Of the four portfolio entries, three are classroom based, where video recordings and examples of student work serve as supporting documentation. Mrs. Howard stated that, *"Observing my teaching on video and analyzing how I was teaching was such a meaningful and rewarding part of the certification process."* A fourth portfolio entry relates to accomplishments outside the classroom – with families, the community or colleagues – and how they impact student learning.

Observing in Mrs. Howard's classroom of first graders makes one realize immediately how she achieved National Board Teacher Certification. She is a "most accomplished teacher." Mrs. Howard and her husband, Tom, have two children. Taylor is a sixth grader at Webb Bridge Middle School and Tom is a sophomore at Alpharetta High.

Congratulations to Mrs. Howard who joins the ranks of other Creek View Elementary staff who have previously attained National Board Teacher Certification: Sheldon Fisher, Orchestra teacher; Josette Perez, Curriculum Support Teacher; and Betty Swanson, Assistant Principal.