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Heritage Oak's Mrs. Amritha Acharya receives National Recognition

Mrs. Amritha Acharya, Third Grade teacher at Heritage Oak Private Education received national recognition for outstanding performance in education, awarded by the Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin based company, Renaissance Learning.

"Amritha's continuing commitment translates into success for every child" said Judi Paul, Chairman of the Board of Renaissance Learning. Her efforts to adopt Renaissance best classroom practices to a high degree have resulted in measurable improvements in student performance, earning her classroom the "Reading Model Classroom" recertification.

To receive Renaissance Model Classroom recertification, an educator must demonstrate that students are maintaining high-quality practice for a minimum of 12 weeks. In addition, educators must be actively working with individual students to meet Renaissance-recommended standards and be helping each student work at the level that promotes the most growth.

In addition to national recognition, Acharya will receive a certificate in recognition of this class-wide achievement, more opportunities for professional development, and other benefits to share with the class and school.

Renaissance Learning is the world's leading provider of computer-based assessment technology for K-12 schools. Adopted by more than 75,000 North American schools, Renaissance Learning's tools provide daily formative assessment and periodic progress-monitoring technology to enhance core curriculum, support differentiated instruction, and personalize practice in reading, writing and math. Their products help educators make the practice component of their existing curriculum more effective by providing tools to personalize practice and easily manage the daily activities for students of all ability levels. As a result, teachers using Renaissance Learning products accelerate learning, help students achieve higher test scores on state and national tests, and get more satisfaction from teaching. Renaissance Learning has seven U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Canada, India, and the United Kingdom.

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeking a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are part of its program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 "Blue Ribbon" award. The "Blue Ribbon", our

Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.