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Heritage Oak's Librarian Receives National Recognition

Mrs. Sandra Kimmel, Heritage Oak's Librarian, was awarded Reading Model Librarian by Wisconsin Rapids-based company Renaissance Learning. Library certification indicates that Mrs. Kimmel's efforts to support teachers have resulted in measurable improvements in student performances at Heritage Oak.

"This educator's commitment to reading and reading practice is commendable" said, Judi Paul, Chairman of the Board at Renaissance Learning. "The success Sandra has achieved is a shining example of the difference librarians can make in their students' lives."

To receive this certification, librarians must document that their practices encourage student access to a wide variety of books as well as supporting reading practice and self-directed learning. In addition, the librarian must be actively working with individual students to meet Renaissance recommended standards for reading achievement. In addition to national recognition, Mrs. Kimmel will receive a certificate in recognition of her achievement, more opportunities for professional development and other benefits to share with the school.

Renaissance Learning is the world's leading provider of computer-based assessment technology for K-12 schools. Adopted by more than 72,000 North American schools, Renaissance Learning's tools provide daily formative assessment and periodic progress-monitoring technology to enhance core curriculum, and personalize practice in reading, writing and math.

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