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HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
LANCASTER, TEXAS

TEACHER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

TEACHER OF THE WEEK



Mrs. Christine Notes, first and second grade bilingual teacher at Houston Elementary School in Lancaster, was named "First Class Teacher of the Week" as the seventh winner in this year's 32-week Minyard Food Stores Inc. teacher recognition program. As a reward for excellence in teaching, Mrs. Notes won \$1,000 for herself and \$1,000 for her school.

Notes has taught for a total of 13 years, the last five of which have been at Houston Elementary. Mrs. Notes acquired a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree in bilingual education from Southern Methodist University, and a gifted and talented certification from the University of North Texas.

"I love my students and want them to retain their cultural ties as well as to become bicultural. In such a competitive marketplace, I want to ensure that my students are armed with the skills that they will need in order to have a very bright and successful future," said Notes.

Nominated as a first class teacher by student April Moore, the winning entry read, "I nominate Mrs. Notes because she is great with her students, very patient, and above all, has taught me that the most important thing is to strive to be the best."

As a result, Mrs. Notes' students will be awarded a free Domino's pizza party and Coca-Cola products. As a winning "First Class Teacher," Mrs. Notes is now eligible for a chance to win "First Class Teacher of the Year" and a new 2005 Honda Tribeca, which will be awarded at the conclusion of the 32-week program.

MRS. CHRISTINE NOTES

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