



Nomination Essay for Susan Woody
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Susan Woody is one of a kind! She has been teaching for 23 years and has only gotten better with time. It is not unusual for Mrs. Woody to be in the building working till 6:00 p.m. She spends time preparing and researching creative ways to teach students skills and concepts. Mrs. Woody has served on numerous committees and has served as a mentor to many new teachers sharing her love of learning, tips and words of wisdom. She is also a person who every teacher in the school respects and trusts. Most importantly, she loves children and can often be seen hugging them and telling them she loves them even after they have made a mistake.

Mrs. Woody makes learning fun! Although she takes her job very seriously, she finds innovative ways to teach students the concepts that they must learn. She dances, sings and allows the children to perform plays. Each day that all students have their homework, she does a "homework dance." It's quite impressive and the children love it!

Mrs. Woody conducts numerous experiments each year in science. It's not uncommon to have students hypothesizing, observing, constructing, measuring and weighing. Mrs. Woody always finds a way to engage the students in their learning. She assesses, remediates and enriches each child to meet their individual needs. Mrs. Woody seeks to have parents actively involved. She

schedules meetings on a regular basis to parents on how their child is progressing. Mrs. Woody attends numerous ball games each year to support the children outside of school. She runs in the local 5K race and encourages the children to run also. (As I am writing this, Mrs. Woody is working with parents and students in our after-school Science Club. She is teaching them a plant/animal cell rap).