

PreKindergarten - 2nd Grade

SUBMITTED BY: Jessica Mitchell-McCollough

WINNING TEACHER: Ashley Livers

I would like to nominate Ashley Livers, 2nd grade teacher at Beattie Elementary.

My daughter, Violet, is a remote learner in Mrs. Livers class during this year that has presented so many challenges for all of us. During this past year Mrs. Livers has worked tirelessly to build a strong relationship with my daughter, even though they have never actually been together in person. This started in the Summer when during her week to plan and put together her classroom, she took the time to meet one on one with Violet to answer all of her questions, they quickly became buddies and gabbed for almost an hour.

Beyond building that strong bond, Mrs. Livers has also worked to provide Violet multiple opportunities throughout this year to guide her own learning through additional inquiry. She has supported V as she did additional research projects, reading, introduction to new languages, and then Mrs. Livers brings what Violet has learned into the classroom so that all of the students can expand and learn together. Though she is teaching students in person, and online she seamlessly engages and is present with all of her students, always responsive to questions and the needs of all of her students.

Finally, Mrs. Livers has been an incredible partner with parents to provide support for our kids as they learn. She has made time often to coach me through the new language of math so that I can help with questions from home, always takes the time to be responsive to emails, and provides multiple opportunities for parents to be "present" in their child's learning, to communicate, and learn alongside the second grade class.

Mrs. Livers has truly been an example of resiliency and community building during a challenging year, always open and honest and willing to be flexible, always supportive and cheerful. What could have been a very hard year, has instead turned into a year of opportunities for new kinds of growth and celebrations of new learning. Mrs. Livers deserves to be recognized for her outstanding work in the classroom and zooming into our homes. She is an incredible educator that has made a world of difference, and I will forever be grateful to her for everything she does everyday for our kids and our community.