

Cynthia Pochomis

Richardson Park Learning Center, Wilmington, DE

Special Needs Education

4th and 5th Grade



2005 Honorees



“A single idea or area of interest is often the catalyst for an entire instructional unit that covers the appropriate content to help my students meet Delaware’s rigorous standards... Scaffolding on their interest in

insects my students researched, wrote and produced an educational video to teach others about three butterflies native to Delaware. The students used video technology to help them compensate for their difficulties with the written word. They were motivated to learn the material and present it in an interesting, concise manner knowing that students, teachers and legislators would view it. Videos were sent to interested elementary science teachers throughout the state whose classes were asked to vote on the variety best suited to be Delaware’s official state butterfly. Over 3500 primary students voted to adopt the Tiger Swallowtail. Using the results of their polls and their in person presentation to both houses of the state legislature, they convinced our representative to pass a bill to adopt their choice. This enabled the students to study the legislative process and learn its procedures by actually participating in the process. With the help of the computer specialist, the children created and are maintaining a website to educate students about butterflies.”
– Cynthia Pochomis

“Mrs. Pochomis strongly believes that in order to educate a child the entire family must be involved. After having faced negativity and failure within the school system, this becomes a monumental task. Whether it is a complete Thanksgiving Dinner for more than seventy people, family movie nights, family math and science expos, or multicultural events, she always plans and executes many positive opportunities for families to come together in her classroom and see their children in a successful situation... Finding the hidden talents in each child makes it possible for those in her care to achieve beyond what is expected of them.” – Edward Norris, principal, Richardson Park Learning Center



Other Highlights:

Teacher of the Year for Red Clay Consolidated School District (1984)

Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching (2002)

National Board For Teaching Standards (2002)

State Farm Good Neighbor Teaching Award in Math (2001)

Member, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Member, National Science Teachers Association

Member, Delaware State Education Association

Member, Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society

President of the University of Delaware Alumni Board

Years Teaching: 27

Average Class Size: 12

Classes Taught Per Day: n/a

School’s Percent of ESL Students: 10

School Type: Public, Medium-Small City

Type of Class: Self-contained