Molly Prikryl
Waterford Oaks Elementary
2008-2009 Teacher of the Year

"If I were given the opportunity to present a gift to the next generation, it would be the

ability for each individual to learn to laugh at himself."

-Charles Schulz

        Molly Prikryl is a fifth year Kindergarten teacher at Waterford Oaks Elementary, but has been with the district for 10 years. She attended the University of North Texas and graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor's in Sociology. Molly's first job in the district was as a teacher's aide in the **PPCD** (Pre-Kindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities) classroom at Plummer Elementary. She was there for 5 years, and learned many important and life-changing lessons! Originally from the Midwest, Molly grew up in near by Richardson, Texas and graduated from J.J. Pearce High School in 1989. She comes from a family of eight, but now has a family of three. Molly and her husband live close by with their 6 year old son, and three very needy cats. Most of the time, the three of them (or 5 if you count the cats) enjoy lying around at home and watching movies. But these days, Molly and her family especially love to cheer on the Dallas Stars and play hockey on the kitchen floor!

        At school, Molly is the Character Education Site Coordinator, a PTA board member, the Cultural Arts Committee Chair, and can always be found helping out with anything that needs to be done! She feels that Character education is more important than ever in our classrooms today. "Children need to learn as soon as possible how to become kind, compassionate citizens! They should be able to have the drive to take care of

themselves and each other." You can often hear Molly quoting Lady Bird Johnson when she said, "Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them!"

Parents, friends, and peers of Molly would say that she is very energetic, loyal, and dependable. She has an excellent sense of humor and can always laugh when times are tough. Molly is always ready to lend a hand when needed, and "if you don't see her encouraging her students, she is probably giving them a much needed hug!"