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I would like to nominate, and recognize, Angela Wharton for the First Year Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Wharton has stepped into the role of a 2nd grade teacher this year and is such a natural! Her skills are that of a teacher who has been teaching for many years.

Mrs. Wharton has taken many steps to create a learning environment for her students where all of them are comfortable and can learn at high levels. She uses what she has learned from life experiences to make her classroom as conducive as possible for students to succeed. She has an acute awareness of the needs of her students and what strategies best address those needs. Mrs. Wharton has calming room lighting, student break areas, multiple positive incentives that are specific to each child, clear and effective procedures, kinesthetic activities for learning, consistent expectations, and captivating lessons!

Mrs. Wharton is so encouraging as she works with students on procedures and building a positive culture in her classroom. Her students have a genuine concern for one another. They respect each other and work together to help each other as friends and learners. Angela models how to appropriately resolve conflict and proactively implements the 7 Habits of Leader in Me in her classroom. Her students are excited to follow her positive example.

Angela meticulously plans her lessons according to what her students need. She collects, and analyzes, data frequently to help inform her decisions regarding her lessons and interventions. She knows each of her students and makes connections to them during the lessons she plans. Mrs. Wharton's students are so excited to learn and are always actively involved in the learning process in her room. The enthusiasm for learning in Mrs. Wharton's classroom is through the roof!

I am excited to recommend Angela Wharton to receive the First Year Teacher of the Year Award! Her calm demeanor, detailed preparation, and genuine love of students have given her the ability to create an environment where students can comfortably learn academics and stretch themselves to be the best in all they do!

Sincerely

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