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Ritenour Educator Honored for Excellence in Teaching

Oct. 13, 2009 – Rebecca Leb, a second grade teacher at Marion Elementary, is the recipient of a 2009 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. The award recognizes St. Louis metropolitan area teachers for their vital role in shaping their students' lives. Recipients are nominated for their contributions to the teaching profession and for their role in the education of students.

“Rebecca is an outstanding teacher who is focused on the success of every child,” said Marion Principal Dr. Janet LeSage. “She strives to continually support learning and challenges each student appropriately every day. Her intellect, energies and compassion are focused on success for every child.”

Leb is known as a leader in her school – working with other teachers and administrators in developing new programs and implementing strategies to increase learning for students. Often, teachers seek her advice in planning lessons and implementing new strategies in their classroom.

“We are proud to have such a dedicated and talented teacher at our school,” Dr. LeSage noted. “Rebecca demonstrates daily that rigor, relevance and relationships yield excellent results. She is an asset to her students, our faculty and the entire Ritenour School District.”

Leb has been a teacher at Marion Elementary for 11 years. She, along with more than 100 teachers from throughout the region, will be honored in a special ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Clayton, Mo.

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Photo caption: Marion Elementary second grade teacher Rebecca Leb (center) is the recipient of a 2009 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. Leb is joined by (l to r) Ritenour Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Compton, Associate Superintendent Dr. Jack Williams, Marion Principal Dr. Janet Lesage, Marion Assistant Principal Sue Houston and Ritenour Director of Professional Development Rena Rockwell.

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