

Ms. Jarman,

I wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed having Mrs. Walker as Anna's 4th grade teacher this year @ Oak Grove.

She has always gone the extra mile, and then some, when working her class and we could not have asked for anyone better. Had we thought about it, we should have nominated her for 'Teacher of the Year' as no one could have done more for their class.

She truly cares for each child's learning experience and went above and beyond the standard curriculum by teaching them skills that will follow them throughout their careers. She did not punch a clock @ 5:00P and leave her teaching duties until the next day. She took time out her own schedule to put together so many "extras" for the class that it was hard to imagine where she found the time or energy!

She put together a wonderful web site that allowed her students to gather information on all the subjects they were learning which made it fun and interesting to learn. She created a classroom newspaper and gave the kids the independence to choose their own topics and write their own articles. She wrote a weekly parent newsletter outlining exactly what was happening that week which made our role as parents that much easier in making sure everything was being completed as expected.

I could fill 3 pages with instances of how Mrs. Walker excelled a school teacher, but it goes beyond just that title. Mrs. Walker is wonderful person.

Lisa and I can only hope that Anna is fortunate enough to meet more "Mrs. Walker's" as she moves ahead in all aspects of her life. People like Mrs. Walker affect someone's life in such a positive manner that it can do nothing else but make them better people and succeed in life. Her skills as a teacher go beyond spelling words and math quizzes as she truly has an interest in each child's "life" and that cannot be captured on any type of year end exam or included in any classroom assessment.

Wake County, and Oak Grove Elementary, should be proud to have Mrs. Walker as a teacher.

Thank you.

--Bob Brescia