

Mrs. Weakland is a highly professional, intelligent, and kind-hearted teacher. She puts lots of effort in her teaching, such as her marvelous math skills, her writing skills, her science skills, and her social studies skills. Mrs. Weakland has raised my confidence and has strengthened my learning. For example, whenever I made mistakes, she told me to keep on going and she believed I could do it. That boosted my confidence. She also challenged me in my learning so I didn't have to keep on learning the things that I already knew. She allowed me to choose my spelling words out of the dictionary, such as *antidisestablishmentarianism*, *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, and *Floccinaucinihilipilification*. She even challenged me with my math, like giving me more advanced problems. One of my favorite things that Mrs. Weakland did for me was she selected me to video tape my book commercial and put it on Aurasma, a computer program. Do you know how happy that made me feel? That right there boosted my confidence to the highest level! That is why Mrs. Weakland is an extraordinary and outstanding teacher who definitely deserves to be the teacher of the year.

Sincerely,

Aidan Badillo
(former fourth grade student)

Mrs. Weakland is an amazingly, outstanding teacher. She is the complete definition of an awesome teacher because she taught me extremely challenging things so I can be a smart and wise kid. That is why I have a strong skills in every subject. Mrs. Weakland also did really fun activities. I got to blog about the books we read. A really wonderful thing that she did was create Helping Hands, and of course, I joined. Helping Hands is an opportunity to be a leader and help children at my school, Dolsen Elementary, to always choose kind. I loved being in Helping Hands because I loved having the opportunity to make #Choose Kind posters and speak to other classrooms in our school about taking care of others. That always filled my bucket because I felt proud of the great things I did to help our school choose kind. That is why Mrs. Weakland totally deserves to be Teacher of the Year.

Sincerely,

Brendan Badillo
(former fourth grade student)

Mrs. Weakland is a smart, wonderful teacher with a positive attitude and a heart of gold. First of all, she is always ready to teach us new things and to challenge us. For example, I needed help with division and she helped me with it until I mastered it. In addition to that, Mrs. Weakland allowed me to select spelling words out of a dictionary instead of quizzing me on words that I already knew how to spell. Second of all, Mrs. Weakland always has us interview for fun classroom jobs, like the Taking Care of Others team, which are the kids who make cards for people. She also has jobs such as the classroom greeter, shaking the glitter jar at the end of the day, and the brain break leader, which is the student who is in charge of leading the class through relaxing stretches to calm our brain. Lastly, Mrs. Weakland started the Helping Hands Club, where kids get together, make posters for things like donations, and present them to different classes. I think that Mrs. Weakland is a truly magnificent teacher who definitely deserves to be the Teacher of the Year.

Sincerely,

Madison Badillo
(current fourth grade student)