

Katrina Cannava

Golden Apple Award

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As a Title 1 teacher, Katrina Cannava has been the leader of literacy efforts at Soldotna Elementary School since 2001. She has been instrumental in developing a reading centers approach to literacy and often shares her researched-based programs and approaches to learning with other staff members.

Mrs. Cannava constantly assesses students and adapts instruction so students receive the most appropriate reading activities in a small group setting. She helps celebrate student learning successes and provides teaching strategies to address challenges.

Debbie Carroll, Soldotna Elementary parent and PTA president, said, "Katrina has wonderful rapport with people of all ages, especially children. Her ability to connect with her students and her talent at teaching simple concepts as well as more advanced topics are truly superior."

Soldotna Elementary Site-Based Committee member Kim Holt says Mrs. Cannava "closely involves parents in their student's progress and plans amazing evening and after-school reading activities, including a yearly Dr. Seuss birthday celebration, Book Bingo and author celebrations."

District Title 1 Director Sandy Miller knows she can count on Mrs. Cannava to do whatever is necessary to make students better readers. She said, "Anytime I ask Katrina to do something she just does it. She's not afraid to take risks and jump in and try something. That's just the attitude she has."

We, the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education, are proud to recognize Katrina Cannava for her tireless efforts to promote literacy and help make students successful readers.