

TEACHER-OF-THE-YEAR

2-Way CABE 2007
Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Teacher-of-the-Year



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"I believe that students have a right to maintain their home language as they grow academically, and to have the opportunity to develop positive attitudes about themselves and their futures."

"I admire my first grade students for the great risk they take everyday to learn about the world and each other in two languages..." "I have seen my students grow socially as they learn to respect the cultural and language differences represented in our classroom. By accentuating the diversity, clarifying it and expressing it, my students become more educated every day."

"I believe that there is no greater need than now for Two-Way Immersion programs because they promote community building, multicultural understanding and the importance of self-identity as basic tenets....TWI programs like ours, with high expectations, evidenced by TWI goals, and with documented successes, need to be acknowledged and nurtured."

From the Principal

"Henry's mission to support and motivate every child is personified in Mrs. Flores."

From a Parent

"I have observed countless classrooms in my career. I can honestly say here, as I have said in many settings before, that Mrs. Flores is the best teacher, in any language, that I have ever had the privilege of knowing. She is a teacher who nurtures her students in a way that is rare."