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Madelynn Fish Named LEA 2018 Outstanding New Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher

Madelynn Fish, prekindergarten teacher at St. John Lutheran School in New Orleans, La., was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's Outstanding New Lutheran Early Childhood Teacher award. Ms. Fish is a graduate of Louisiana State University where she earned a B.S. degree specializing in early childhood education.

In addition to teaching kindergarten, Ms. Fish serves as co-director of preschool and prekindergarten at St. John, coordinator of the school's National Lutheran Schools Week activities, and cheerleading coach.

Commenting in support of Madelynn's nomination, her supervising administrator said, "She has amazed me since day one on the job. Her organizational skills, her even temperament, her wisdom beyond her years and her seemingly effortless command of the classroom combine to make the perfect teacher in any school. However, it is Madelynn's faith that literally shines through her face and beams warmth and love on her students that make her the perfect Lutheran teacher...."

Madelynn's pastor wrote to support her by saying, "Madelynn is an incredibly impressive, energetic, and joyful woman of God! She possesses a great Christian attitude, faith, and spirit that funnels down to every child in her class. She is overjoyed to see all of her students every day and she always greets them and their parents with a smile and the love of Jesus. Madelynn is more than willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that each child grows in their educational development and in their knowledge of the Lord."

Speaking of her first years of teaching, Madelynn said, "I work with high energy, imaginative, and spirited children who inspire me to be the best I can be each day. As a prekindergarten teacher, I do not just teach academic skills, I teach the whole child. I teach life skills, social skills, personal hygiene, and healthy habits. I teach fine motor and gross motor skills while children are still learning how to control their bodies. I teach my students to be proud of themselves and their God-given talents and abilities all the while accepting and welcoming the gifts of others. Having such a great responsibility and opportunity to serve God, families, and children brings me true joy."

Supporting Madelynn's nomination, one parent commented, "Ms. Fish displays professionalism and consistency with the children and parents. Her example as a teacher has set a tone for success for my daughter. My daughter has thrived and learned things in Pre-K/4 about manners, academics, social skills, and religion, which I feel will carry her throughout her school career....I feel blessed as a mother to have Ms. Fish teaching and caring for my children."

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