

**Eastlake Elementary School Teacher Brooke Mueller
Wins Golden Apple Award**
*Christensen Law Firm Gives \$100 Office Max Card
For Classroom Supplies*

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October 17, 2011, Draper, UT – The **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program**, a program sponsored by the Utah based Christensen Law Firm, PLLC, is pleased to announce that Mrs. Brooke Mueller, a kindergarten teacher at Eastlake Elementary School in South Jordan, UT, is this week’s recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

A first-year kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Mueller cites a positive experience while student teaching as motivation to implement science early in curricular education. Mueller talks of her mentor, who, “fostered a love of learning through science and enabled children to be their own scientist... At the end of the year, one of the biggest things the children said they liked about kindergarten was ‘being a scientist.’” Clearly, Mueller has the same vision in mind for her young students. She says, “If a child is told how to an answer to a question rather than walked through the process to find it the concept doesn’t stick quite the same way. The more connections they make in the brain the more successful they are going to be.” For such experiments, one needs materials beyond-budget resources, which usually translates into dipping into one’s own pockets. This gift card will go towards these necessary costs.

Mueller’s innovation goes beyond the classroom walls to more easily involve parents with the goings on of their children at school. Her nominator says, “Mrs. Mueller created a classroom blog where she posts updates and letters to parents as well as pictures and information that show what the children are learning about. It has been a wonderful tool as a parent to be able to stay up to speed on what is going on in the classroom.” Clearly a product of a modern age, Mueller has implemented novel methods of communication to lessen the distance between parents and their children’s scholastic education. She is going above and beyond, one of many teachers across the state and nation who are making a difference in the lives and minds of our young ones.

The Christensen Law Firm recently started the **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program** to help public school teachers get extra classroom supplies without having to spend their own money. Each week the program gives the **Golden Apple Award**, which is a \$100 gift card each week to a deserving Utah Public school teacher and his/her class. Anyone can nominate a teacher for this program, teachers, students, parents and administrators. To learn more about the program and get information on the winners visit:

<http://www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/christensen-law-firm-school-supplies-gift-program.html>.

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