

Shelby County Elementary Teacher of the Year

FLM – Michelle Covington-Richards

College attended: Panola Jr College, Stephen F Austin State University

Years in education: 20 years. Ten at Shelbyville ISD in Kindergarten and Third Grade, and ten at Center ISD in Kindergarten

Who is your greatest supporter/inspiration?
My Daddy has always been my greatest supporter! My parents are the BEST and I feel very blessed to have such a loving and supportive family. They have always been there for me and I'm so thankful for them all!



What was a goal you set this year? Did you achieve it? If not, when will you?
To enjoy each precious day more, and to "not sweat the small stuff." I have done much better this year, but intend to keep working on this goal. I also need to keep working on the goal of implementing more technology into my classroom (everyone that knows me will agree ... the struggle is real)!

What do you love about CISD?

I really love the staff at Center ISD. It's like having a big extended family.... I am honored to be on a dedicated team at Moffett who work so hard to meet the needs of our little ones...each day is a new adventure down our Kindergarten hall.

What advice would you give a novice teacher starting a career at CISD in the fall? You need to strive to create a love of learning, a sense of family and belonging. Be flexible, be positive, have high expectations and laugh a lot!