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**MOORE 1ST GRADE TEACHER NAMED
2008 AITC TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

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Oklahoma City—Sue Kirk, first-grade teacher at the Wayland Bonds Elementary School in the Moore public school system, has been named 2008 Ag in the Classroom Teacher of the Year.

The AITC program provides core curriculum material that incorporates agricultural information in studies such as math, science, language arts, reading and social studies. Jamey Allen, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry coordinator for the program said Kirk uses agricultural themes in her class as well as the usual core curriculum.

“When the students walk in to the classroom they are greeted by a big, red barn and a rooster puppet that crows to greet them to a new school day,” she said. “Mrs. Kirk is one of the most dynamic and personable teachers in the state and we are thrilled to have her working with us in the Ag in the Classroom program.”

Kirk was recognized at the State Capitol during the Oklahoma Agriculture Day celebration and receives a \$500 honorarium provided by Dosia Jackson in memory of Paul Jackson. The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women’s organization will provide airfare for Kirk to attend the National Ag in the Classroom Conference in Costa Mesa, CA.

The Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom program is a joint project of the ODAFF, Oklahoma Department of Education, and the Oklahoma State Cooperative Extension Service.

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