



## Adams Elementary School Receives International 2005 Exemplary Reading Program Award - Celebration Planned

**February 10, 2005 Waterford, Mich.** - The International Reading Association announced Adams Elementary School as the 2005 recipient of the Exemplary Reading Program Award. This award recognizes outstanding reading and language arts programs at elementary, middle, and high school levels. The school will host a celebration on **Tuesday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m.**, 3810 Clintonville Road, Waterford.

Adams Elementary's reading program provides highly qualified teachers, certified instructional aides, a resource room teacher, a literacy coach, and a speech and language teacher who all work together to deliver targeted instruction. Students have access to a wide variety of reading material and have demonstrated success in reading through standardized testing and other measurements. Comprehensive strategies are taught and applied across the curriculum utilizing five comprehension strategies: making connections, drawing inferences, sensory imaging, asking questions, determining importance, and synthesizing. The Reader's Workshop model at Adams encompasses many opportunities for students to participate in activities which involve speaking, viewing, listening, and writing.

The award program has five objectives: (1) to improve literacy in our society, (2) to recognize school staffs who demonstrate excellence in reading and literacy programs, (3) to encourage the development and refinement of exemplary reading/language arts programs, (4) to report to the public noteworthy efforts to improve reading/language arts, and (5) to disseminate specific information about high-quality programs so that other professionals can use it to improve their own instructional efforts.

IRA was founded in 1956 as a professional organization of those involved in teaching reading to learners of all ages. Over the years, the focus has expanded to address a broad range of issues in literacy education worldwide.

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