

**Taylor Elementary School Teacher Casey Pickett
Wins Golden Apple Award
Christensen Law Firm Gives \$100 Office Max Gift Card
For Classroom Supplies**

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August 29, 2011, Draper, UT – Despite the fact that our teachers are clearly underpaid for the tremendous work they do and the insane hours they put in, many of them spend hundreds of their own dollars on supplies and extra resources for their classrooms. This is why the Christensen Law Firm is pleased to announce that Ms. Casey Pickett, a 1st through 3rd grade teacher at Taylor Elementary School in Centerville, Utah, is the newest recipient of the Golden Apple Award through the **Christensen Law Firm School Supplies Gift Program**

Mrs. Pickett has the daunting task of teaching a multi-age classroom with students in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. Regardless of having such a wide range of ages and ability levels, she enjoys having the same kids in her class for three consecutive years and is trying to “create a community of learners and a family unit that continues to support one another.”

Mrs. Pickett uses her own money constantly throughout the year in order to motivate her students and keep them interested in and excited about learning. It is extremely overwhelming for her to have multiple grade levels in one classroom and because she has some of the same students for three consecutive years, she needs new materials and lesson ideas each year so that her students do not lose interest. In addition, the district does not have sufficient funding to purchase new, up-to-date textbooks and Mrs. Pickett has found it nearly impossible to teach from the severely outdated 80’s books. She would love to use the Golden Apple Award to purchase some new books and writing materials for her students.

In order to appeal to different learning types, Mrs. Pickett prefers not to stand in front of her students and lecture all day. She has found it affective to have learning centers around her classroom where the kids can do some hands-on practice activities to help solidify their understanding and increase their retention level. She wants to use some of the funds from her Golden Apple Award to help stock these learning centers with the necessary supplies such as measuring cups and play money.

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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Ken Christensen and Russ Hymas, owners of the **Christensen Law Firm**, are Utah natives. They have individually authored several books covering topics from car accidents to wrongful death law and bicycle accidents. They have been recognized by local media (including KSL, ABC, Fox and KUTV) as legal experts and are frequently asked to offer opinions on news stories and events. They are also sponsors of the **Hit-and-Run Rewards Program**, which rewards honorable citizens for providing information leading to the arrest and felony conviction of Hit-and-Run Drivers. For more information contact: schoolsuppliesgiftprogram@clfutah.com