Yorkville Education Foundation Yorkville Community Unit School District

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR

## The Most Influential Educator Who Made A Difference In My Life

## **Peggy Grant**

I nominate Mrs. Peggy Grant who was my 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Yorkville Grade School because Mrs. Grant taught me to share my creativity, show compassion towards others, and to be myself. I'll never forget the day our class had a group discussion sitting in a circle on the floor - by the end of this emotional time, almost everyone was crying and kleenex was everywhere!! Mrs. Grant touched all of our lives that day. As far as her way of teaching, she took the time to explain new concepts, treated us with respect, and expected nothing less in return. She didn't tolerate "goofing off", and because of this we learned manners and control, without a need for yelling on her part. Another memory I have was when she asked me to catch and put away a tin foil cardboard container, and the sharp edge cut my hand. I felt bad telling her that it hurt me since it was her fault @ - so I waited until later. But, I got over that "traumatic" experience and to this day I can honestly say Mrs. Grant is the sweetest teacher I've ever had.

> Cassie Benson Class of '00

