

Kershaw County schools name Bertha Davis Teacher of Year

Bertha Ann Davis, a Winnsboro native, recently was named Kershaw County Teacher of the Year.

She is the daughter of Robert and Janie C. Davis of Winnsboro.

Davis has been teaching for 24 years in the Camden school system.

Davis says she chose teaching as a career because of the "wonderful and dedicated teachers" she had while growing up and attending school in Winnsboro.

"If a child is given a good foundation for learning in the early years, he or she can be motivated," Davis says. "I want my students to think that it is fun to gain knowledge through the daily exposure of many rewarding experiences. I strive to touch the lives of students in a positive way each day.



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"Teaching is not an easy job, but it is a most rewarding one," she says. "I know without a doubt that desire plots the course, courage goes the distance and commitment finishes the race."

The selection committee had these comments about Davis:

"She believes that she not only changes children's lives, but they change hers as well.

"She uses innovative attention-getters, and feels she is on stage every day in her classroom.

"She sprinkles all of her children with love, attention and enthusiasm.

"She wears the 'glove' that brings out the magic in each of her children, and keeps the tree of knowledge alive with her dedication to her profession and her students.

"She is happy she chose to be a teacher and believes teaching is her calling in life."

Earlier this year, Davis was selected as Kershaw County International Reading Association Distinguished Reading Teacher.