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A local Fort Myers teacher, Sarah Kinnunen of Renaissance School, is awarded the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL National Child Care Teacher Award.

Renaissance School is excited to announce that Sarah Kinnunen is the recipient of the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Award.

The National Child Care Teacher Award is distributed to 10 teachers selected nationally who are exceptional child care teachers and are committed and dedicated to providing early childhood education. This award acknowledges the critical role Sarah plays in providing quality care and education to Renaissance students.

As part of the application process, each applicant was asked to design an enhancement project for the children in their classroom. Sarah chose *Growing Curiosity: A Children's Garden*. Sarah made the case that a revitalized classroom garden would offer a variety of educational, social and emotional benefits to Renaissance children.

"A garden program will enhance the early childhood classroom environment by providing hands on learning experiences in science and nature, literacy, nutrition and exercises in everyday life skills such as problem-solving and team-building. The garden curriculum will stimulate curiosity and teach our children an appreciation for nature and reverence for living things."

As one of the top 11 scorers, Sarah has been invited to apply for the Helene Marks National Child Care Teacher of the Year Award. The Teacher of the Year will be announced at the end of February.



Sarah Kinnunen



Sarah Kinnunen & her 3-6 year students