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### **Palmyra's Knecht Receives \$2,000 Teacher Grant**

ORANGE, Calif., February 8, 2010—The Orange Unified School District announced today that Palmyra Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade GATE teacher Jamie Knecht was recently awarded a \$2,000 Fedco Teacher Grant courtesy of the Orange County Community Foundation.

The grant will be used for the Orange County Department of Education's Traveling Science program. All fifth graders at Palmyra will participate in three on site presentations beginning in March. The programs are titled, Drip Drop, What's the Matter and Surviving our Standards.

Knecht, a first time grant writer, said, "This will give all fifth graders an opportunity to learn standards through hands-on activities that will provide a means to demonstrate their learning."

Prior to submission, Knecht worked closely with grade level colleagues in completing the grant. She commented on their team effort, "We worked together and are really excited that all of our students will benefit."

Principal Connie Smith added, "Our school has been a part of this program for years and we couldn't have funded this from our current budget. This also meets our goal of bringing our GATE students and general education students closer together."

*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA*

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