



### **Nancy Holdsworth Earns Arch Coal Achievement Award**

Nancy Holdsworth was among only 12 teachers statewide to receive a 2011 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Nancy Holdsworth, who teaches kindergarten students at New Manchester, earned a bachelor's degree at WLSC and has achieved National Board Certification. She has completed more than a hundred hours of professional development through the WV Handle on Science Project and is a master trainer for the Science with Inquiry Based Modules and Problem-based Learning Experiences (SIMPLE) project.

In addition to recognition, Nancy receives a \$3,500 unrestricted cash prize, a distinctive trophy and a classroom plaque. The WV Foundation for the Improvement of Education, a foundation of WVEA, makes a \$1,000 award to each recipient's school for use with at-risk students.

The teacher-recognition awards are underwritten by the Arch Coal Foundation and supported in program-promotion by the WV Dept of Education, the WVEA and the WV Library Commission. The Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Awards is the longest running, privately sponsored teacher-recognition program in the state. Nominations are made by the public, and selection is made by a blue-ribbon panel of the teachers' peers – previous recipients of the award.

**CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY!!**