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Nashville's Dan Mills Elementary to Receive "Reading Renaissance" Award
Renaissance Learning recognizes school achievement at 4th Annual National Education Conference in Opryland

MADISON, WIS. – (January 20, 2003) With Renaissance Solutions now being used in over 62,000 schools throughout the country, this year's National Renaissance Conference has attracted thousands of superintendents, principals, teachers, and librarians from across the U.S.

Each year only a handful of these schools are honored with an award for their consistent and significant gains in school improvement. This year's "Reading Renaissance" Award will be presented to Dan Mills Elementary School, from Nashville, TN.

Dan Mills was chosen to receive this award for their successful implementation of Renaissance Solutions throughout their school. They have been using Renaissance programs since 1994 and have experienced dramatic gains in overall achievement, with students continually reading above grade level. For example the school's third-grade scores on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) in reading jumped from a percentile ranking of 48 in 1999 to 65 in 2002.

Principal Patti Yon and teacher Susan Reeves will accept the award at a ceremony held on February 6th at Opryland.

The National Conference will be held February 5-8 for the second time at the Opryland in Nashville. It is organized and sponsored by Renaissance Learning, the Wisconsin based company that provides classroom and school wide solutions for improving reading, math and writing for the pre-K-12 schools. Renaissance Learning is most recognized for its first product, Accelerated Reader®.

Renaissance Learning™, Inc., is a leading provider of learning information systems that help teachers, principals, and superintendents improve student achievement in reading, writing, math, and standards in grades pre-K-12. Adopted by over 62,000 schools, Renaissance information technology products are among the most popular in schools nationwide, including Accelerated Reader®, Accelerated Math®, Accelerated Writer, Fluent Reader™, and STAR Early Literacy®. Over 400,000 educators have received Renaissance training. The Company also provides electronic assessment products and services to educational publishers and sells enterprise software for training and knowledge management. Renaissance Learning has six U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Australia, Canada, India, and the United Kingdom.

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