

**November 28, 2009**  
**“Follow the Star”**  
**Contest Winner**  
**Congratulations Nancy Weber**



I would like to nominate a special woman for the "Follow the Star" contest. I call her Mrs. Weber, but my Mom says her name is also Nancy. Mrs. Weber is a very kind lady who takes great care of me during my school day. She is my personal aide and she helps keep me on track and helps me navigate my day, which makes learning a lot easier for me.

She is there every morning when my Mom drops me off. She always has a smile for me and a great big hug, which always makes me feel better when I am feeling sad that I'm not at home playing with my sister and my toys.

Mrs. Weber has two jobs, so she is very busy, but says this is her best job because she loves to be with kids like me. Recently I learned that I

was going to have to share Mrs. Weber with another little boy. I really didn't like that at all because I wasn't sure she had enough time to be with that other boy and me too. I didn't want to miss out on all those special hugs and words of encouragement that get me through my day. As the week wore on, I figured so far it was ok to share her since like any good Mom, she had enough love for both of us (even though I hope she loves me more....like any kid!).

Mrs. Weber is always doing special things for all of us in our classroom and she has a LOT of patience, thank goodness! Last year she made me and my Mom a very beautiful scrapbook of my whole Kindergarten year. It made my Mom cry that someone would give her such a wonderful and thoughtful gift. Mom says we will have it and cherish it forever, like the stuff in my special Joseph box.

It takes a very special person to be with kids like me and Mrs. Weber told my Mom a long time ago that she does this because she loves kids and she wants their parents to know that when their kids are at school, they are loved and treated in an extra special way, just like the way she would want her children to be treated if they had special needs. Knowing that makes it a lot easier for my Mom when she drops me off each day.

Mrs. Weber has a very big heart and I want her heart to know how special she is to me, so that is why I am sharing this with you. I know you'll think she's pretty special too. I attached a fun picture of me and Mrs. Weber from Halloween this year!

Thank You and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Joseph O. – Age 6