

A Day Made Better

Pattonville kindergarten teacher is surprised with \$1,400 worth of school and office supplies by OfficeMax and Adopt-A-Classroom

A kindergarten teacher at Briar Crest Elementary in the Pattonville School District was recently surprised by a group of individuals bearing unexpected gifts. Jeanne Gilbert was reading to her class of kindergartners when a group from OfficeMax, along with school officials, visited her classroom to honor her through the "A Day Made Better" Program.

"A Day Made Better" is the kick-off of a new community initiative sponsored by OfficeMax, in partnership with the nonprofit organization Adopt-A-Classroom. It is in response to the fact that teachers often spend their own money on classroom supplies. The name "A Day Made Better" is derived from the thought that, with this special event, OfficeMax and Adopt-A-Classroom can make at least one day better for educators - specifically, by providing more than 1,000 teachers essential supplies through a high-profile event.

Gilbert was one of only 1,000 teachers nationwide to be honored with the program on the same day. During the event, the OfficeMax visitors delivered to her a certificate of appreciation, a bouquet of flowers and a surprise package of school and office supplies worth \$1,400. The gifts included everything from markers and paper to a digital camera, color printer, mail cart and leather office chair.