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## **Kindergarten Teacher Retires After 32 Years with Saint Michael School**

Mrs. Ursula Butler, beloved Kindergarten teacher at Saint Michael School, will begin retirement today after teaching at the school for 32 years. Not only did Mrs. Butler teach at the school, in 1978 she developed and implemented the St. Michael School Kindergarten program. Mrs. Butler is a very special teacher that has provided students with a solid and loving educational start, and a continued desire to learn.

Mrs. Butler has said that, "St. Michael's Kindergarten holds a very special place in my heart. Often time's people say to me, "You must really enjoy your job." I always respond, "I don't have a job. I have a hobby."

On Thursday June 16, Mrs. Butler brought her last class of Kindergarten students out for dismissal. Many of the school families were there, waiting to honor her in bright colors and cheering voices. Following the last day of Kindergarten, Mrs. Butler was honored at the end of year school Mass at Saint Michael Parish on Friday June 17, 2011. A presentation highlighting her career was shown on a large screen to the school community. Following the presentation, she was given a standing ovation for the love and dedication she has shown so many children through her career.

Mrs. Butler authored and illustrated the children's book, "Christopher's Super Awesome Day", has been published in the teacher periodical "Mailbox, The Idea Magazine for Teachers", been nominated twice to "Who's Who Among American Teachers", written children's music, etc. Mrs. Butler has taught at Saint Michael School for the past 32 years, and is ending a total Kindergarten teaching career of 39 years. She has agreed to return to the school next year as a first grade teaching aid.

### **About Saint Michael School**

Saint Michael School is a Catholic Christian community serving children from early childhood through grade eight from our parish community and the Greater Merrimack Valley. Saint Michael School offers a solid academic foundation that

will enable the students to succeed in the future. Promoting gospel values through prayer, religious instruction and community outreach, we strive to carry on the spirit of faith and love initiated by the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Visit Saint Michael School on the web at [www.saintmichael.com](http://www.saintmichael.com).

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