

TEACHER  
OF THE WEEK

# Cochise Elementary's Hart called 'amazing,' 'an angel'

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SPECIAL FOR THE REPUBLIC

The Scottsdale Unified School District is highlighting Cochise Elementary School first-grade teacher Kaia Hart. Here's what parent Marlene Ruggeri had to say about her:

"Mrs. Hart is amazing. She is great with all her children. She leaves a lasting impression with her students. Mrs. Hart is an angel that was sent from God to watch over and protect our children. I am thankful to be able to share this year with her. Mrs. Hart takes the time with each individual student and parent. Her attention to detail and her genuine caring nature are characteristics to cherish. She encourages her students and makes them feel special. Even with her busy schedule,



Kaia Hart

she always makes me feel like she has time for me and my child. There is not a word that describes how wonderful Mrs. Hart has been. My son is learning so much and has come such a long way this year in just the first semester. He enjoys school and

loves Mrs. Hart."

- Number of years teaching:** 12.
- Number of years at district:** 11.
- Number of years at Cochise:** 5.

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