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**McAuley Friendship Award**

McAuley's Little School student teachers had the chance to select one of their own to receive a \$500 Friendship Award in memory of Eileen Recchia, Class of '99. Eileen died in a car accident the summer before her senior year while attending Loras College. Eileen excelled as a teacher in Little School and loved every minute of it when she was a senior at McAuley. The award is been given by a classmate of Eileen's who wants to recognize a current Little School teacher who demonstrates the characteristics she so loved in Eileen: her caring and kindness to everyone and her faithfulness as a friend. The students chose Esperanza Arroyo (Chg., Ashburn) as the classmate that best demonstrated those characteristics.

After receiving the award Esperanza said, "Receiving this award is humbling and it means to much to me because it shows how my classmates feel about me. The truth is,I feel the same way about each of them."



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President/Principal Sr. Rose Wiorek, RSM, Mrs. Dorothy Grant, Mrs. Cheryl Dignan and Sister Mary Sheehan, RSM congratulate McAuley senior Esperanza Arroyo (center) on winning the Friendship Award.