

***Garrard County Schools and Whole Latte Love Teacher of the Month
December 2021***

If you didn't know any better, you would say that Erika Barker is a veteran teacher. She has the patience, presence, and skill of a teacher that has been teaching for many years. Mrs. Barker, however, is just in her third year. This natural teacher is the picture of resilience and flexibility as she takes on any teaching assignment with grace. Mrs. Barker has taught a different grade and/or different subject every year she has taught. She has done so to respond to the needs of the school as a whole and does it with a can-do attitude. The only teaching Erika has known is "Pandemic Teaching." While that might discourage many others in the field, Erika rises to meet each challenge, and goes above and beyond to learn the skills necessary to be successful for her students. A true team player, Mrs. Barker's contribution doesn't stop at her classroom door. The first to respond to any plea for help or volunteer for a school wide event, Mrs. Barker is a fine example for us all in how to have a positive attitude, generous heart, and spirit of servanthood. We are honored to have the privilege of recognizing Mrs. Erika Barker as the December Teacher of the Month.