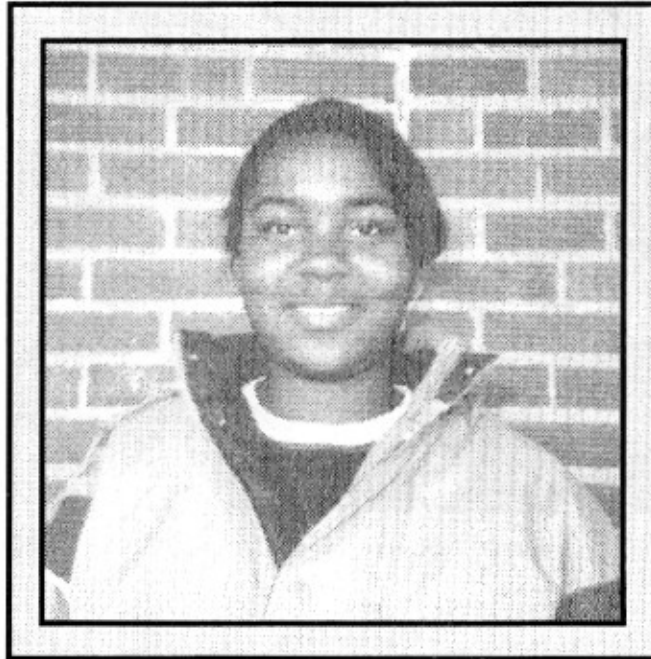


The Lieutenant Governor's Writing Contest District Winner



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"Classroom"

What would you call a state symbol? A state symbol is something that represents your state and that applies to everyone.

I think that a classroom would be a good state symbol. An image or a picture of a classroom is not what you would expect to be a state symbol. After you think about how much it has to do with our lives and how much it means to our future, it makes a lot of sense. It gives us knowledge about careers which help us to choose what is good for us. It is where we grow and develop. In a classroom is really where we discover ourselves. It is where we learn who we truly are. From that point actually, it is where we determine what we want to do and be when we grow up.

It is where we learn most of the things we use in life. We learn how to make the right choices. It is a source of understanding. It is a training period. It is how we learn to make the right decisions for ourselves. It is learning how to become independent.

Sometimes our classroom is the most inspirational place and time in our life. Our teachers are like our best friends. They look out for us and they want us to succeed. Sometimes they are the people we look up to. The teachers speak the truth quietly. They listen with an open mind when others speak. They teach us how to face life's struggles and strifes Teachers teach us how to choose the proper path wherever we go.

A classroom is a learning place and a learning center. Most of all it is a pretest for life.