

# Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative TOUCHSTONE ENERGY 2008/2009 CLASSROOM EMPOWERMENT GRANT WINNERS!



Fifth grade teacher **Janet Krueger** with **Metropolis Elementary School** plans to use their winning funds to purchase supplies to build a science resource center. "I expect that our Science score will rise on the ISAT, and I hope this will spark an interest in our students. I would love the opportunity to host a Science Fair, which can bring out the creativity and innovation in our students," states Ms. Krueger.



Special Education teacher **Janet Flesch** with **Vienna High School** plans to use their winning funds to start a school-wide recycling program. "The goals of this project can be measured in the increased life skills of the students at our school and the reduced waste sent to the landfills each day, therefore helping our community and environment," says Ms. Flesch.



Science teacher **Barb Woolard** with **Dongola High School** plans to use their winning funds to take her Physical Science class to the Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education in Paducah, Ky. "I think taking our students to such an advanced facility so close to home may open their eyes to the bigger world around them, as well as spark an interest in advances in science and technology that will be crucial to them and our country in the future," states Ms. Woolard.