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## *NEO 2 honored with 2009 Teachers' Pick Award*

**May 26, 2009, Wisconsin Rapids, WI** – Renaissance Learning's NEO 2 classroom laptop has been chosen as one of *Scholastic Instructor* magazine's 2009 Teachers' Pick Award winners.

*Scholastic Instructor*, a leading education publication for K-12 teachers nationwide, provides product reviews to assist educators in making knowledgeable decisions when researching or purchasing new products for their schools. Each product selected for the Teachers' Pick Award is thoroughly reviewed in classrooms across the nation by *Instructor's* teacher testers.

"Receiving the Teachers' Pick Award is a true honor, and we're pleased that the Scholastic teacher reviewers have confirmed what educators nationwide love about the NEO 2," says Steve Schmidt, President and Chief Operating Officer of Renaissance Learning. "The writing capabilities and other classroom functions of the NEO 2 make it an indispensable tool for accelerating learning in every classroom, all day long."

NEO 2 laptops offer valuable writing and keyboarding practice throughout the curriculum. In addition, the NEO 2 allows students to take Accelerated Reader™ quizzes, enhance computational fluency with the MathFacts in a Flash™ software, interactively participate in lessons through the built-in classroom response system, print documents wirelessly, and upload documents to Google Docs™, Google's document, spreadsheet, and presentation application. The NEO 2 has a durable, rugged, yet lightweight design. It runs up to 700 hours on just one set of three AA batteries, lasting through an entire school year.

For more information on the NEO 2 laptop, visit [www.renlearn.com/neo](http://www.renlearn.com/neo).

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### **About Renaissance Learning, Inc.**

Renaissance Learning, Inc. is the world's leading provider of computer-based assessment technology for pre-K–12 schools. Adopted by more than 74,000 schools, Renaissance Learning's tools provide daily formative assessment and periodic progress-monitoring technology to enhance core curriculum, support differentiated instruction, and personalize practice in reading, writing and math. Renaissance Learning products help educators make the practice component of their existing curriculum more effective by providing tools to personalize practice and easily manage the daily activities for students of all levels. As a result, teachers using Renaissance Learning products accelerate learning, get more satisfaction from teaching, and help students achieve higher test scores on state and national tests. Renaissance Learning has seven U.S. locations and subsidiaries in Canada and the United Kingdom.