



To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Brandy Wortinger. Brandy has been a member of the Catherine Cook community for 7 years, and I have had the great opportunity to work with such an extraordinary teacher. I have worked with Brandy during her entirety at Catherine Cook in the Lower School (grades 1-4). For the last 2 years, I have been partner teachers with Brandy, as we both teach 4th grade. In my capacity as her partner teacher, I observe her teaching on a daily basis. She demonstrates competence in every area required of a teacher.

Brandy is exceedingly competent as a teacher. She creates daily lesson plans and entire units and is excited to share them with her team. She is open to her team members' ideas and meets regularly to improve the current curriculum. She treats each child with respect, and therefore they are eager to meet her expectations. She demonstrates confidence, warmth, and enthusiasm while teaching. Her excitement about teaching is infectious, and the students always have fun learning from her. She creates lessons that are well organized, convey meaningful content to the children, and incorporate many creative ideas. For example, during Brandy's unit on China, one of the lessons deals with folktales. After giving a brief history on Chinese folktales, children are encouraged to peruse through several examples while thinking about the setting, problem, solution, magic, and lesson learned of each tale. They then are allowed to display their own creativity by creating their own folktales with all of these elements included. Children are then allowed to include Chinese calligraphy to enhance their stories. The final products are both beautiful and inspiring. The children are very proud of what they are able to accomplish with Brandy's encouragement and guidance. They thoroughly enjoyed this unit and learned a great deal from it. Brandy consistently displays this type of creativity in planning lessons and motivating students.

In her classroom, Brandy has upheld a warm, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to do their best. She displays an excellent understanding of the needs and abilities of her students and uses this knowledge when planning classroom activities. Brandy is firm in her expectations and always speaks in a kind, even-toned voice. I am consistently impressed by her natural ability as a teacher.

I believe Brandy will be an asset to any elementary faculty. She has excellent written and verbal communication skills and is extremely organized, reliable, and hardworking. I am certain that she will continue to be an outstanding teacher.

Please call me at (312)266-3381 x 4114 if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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