



To Whom It May Concern:

It is with sincere pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Brandy Wortinger. She and I have been colleagues for 6 years and have worked together directly for 5 years as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to watch her grow from a beginner teacher to an experienced and thoughtful educator. I consider Brandy to be much more than a colleague; she truly is a teaching partner. We work collaboratively on every unit and every subject within our curriculum. Brandy and I engage in meaningful and stimulating conversations regarding teaching. In my capacity as her teaching partner, I observe her teaching on a daily basis. She demonstrates competence in every area required of a teacher.

Brandy creates a positive and safe environment within the classroom. Together with her students, routines and rules are set up that the children feel responsible for maintaining. She holds them accountable for their academic and social choices in a very nurturing way. Brandy uses a variety of teaching strategies in order to engage, motivate, and reach all of the learning styles in a typical classroom. She works hard to differentiate lessons, assignments, and projects to meet the needs of her students. Brandy researches and puts into practice appropriate technology integration. She is an effective communicator with students, parents, and colleagues. She works hard to develop personal connections with each child giving her insight into each one of her students. Brandy communicates with parents in a professional yet warm manner through daily conversations, e-mail, conferences, and bi-weekly newsletters and updates on the school website.

I believe Brandy will be an asset to any elementary faculty. She believes in the craft of teaching and strives to teach with best practices. She is extremely organized and hardworking. I am certain that she will continue to prove to be an outstanding teacher.

Please call me at (312)266-3381 or e-mail me at [skitson@ccookschool.org](mailto:skitson@ccookschool.org) if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Sunni Kitson  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**what school should be**

226 West Schiller Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60610-1808  
312.266.3381 *ph*  
312.266.3616 *fax*  
[catherinecookschool.org](http://catherinecookschool.org)