

Middle Canyon Elementary

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been teaching with Melissa Osmun since the fall of 2010 when she was hired as a new kindergarten teacher at Middle Canyon. At that time I was serving as the school mentor and had the opportunity to work one-on-one with Melissa in that capacity for her first two years in the district.

I had many opportunities to observe and work with Melissa. The first things I noticed were her organizational skills, her vision of a successful kindergarten and her creativity. Melissa came up with clever and quick ways of planning and keeping records that were also thorough and easy to follow. One planning document that she showed me was so organized and easy to follow that if a substitute teacher had to be called at the last minute, she wouldn't need to worry about sub plans.

Upon our first couple of meetings, she was trying to organize her room and centers to meet the needs of herself and her students. I was so impressed to see how she used space in new ways that I had never considered. Thereafter, her room has always been well organized and child-friendly.

On my classroom observations I was enchanted by her use of classroom management and her student engagement. The children knew the routines and worked well together. If a child or two began to drift off, she quickly brought the children back using proximity and positive reinforcement. Her lessons were always fast paced, interesting and to the point.

Melissa has been a delightful addition to our faculty. She has boundless energy and puts in countless hours of preparation and planning. She follows through on assignments and collaborates with the entire faculty and staff.

I have great pleasure in giving her my recommendation as a talented and gifted teacher.

Sincerely,

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