

Bloomington Public Schools



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To Whom It May Concern:


This letter is in regards to Mrs. Kelly Geigner. I worked with Kelly as a teacher for one school year. However, I have worked with her previously in a variety of volunteer situations over the past four years.

As a kindergarten grade teacher, she demonstrated many strengths. Two assets include excellent organizational skills and also the gift of creativity. She managed a tremendous amount of new information as she entered a new school district and new grade level. She was particularly impressive with the organization of student assessment data. Her creativity resulted in an amazing learning environment for her students that was inviting and exciting. She transformed it from a typical classroom space to a pond with lily pads, "rock" pillows, and many other interesting areas for learning.

Lesson plans were consistently linked to the Illinois Learning Standards, were developmentally appropriate and fun. She successfully managed a significant change from middle school to kindergarten as a result of her wisdom, dedication, and enthusiasm. She understands the science of teaching and therefore this adjustment, while time-consuming, simply caused her to use excellent teaching practices which transcend grade levels.

If you should need further information, please contact me at 662-4302.

Sincerely,


Dr. Mary Kay Scharf
Principal