



Marion Community Schools

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To Whom It May Concern,

Crystal completed her first student teaching placement here at Kendall Elementary School. Kendall is located in Marion, Indiana and educates approximately five hundred students. Under the mentorship of Mrs. Judy Ford, she taught third grade from the eleventh of August until the seventeenth of October for the 2008-2009 school year.

While at the school, I observed her interaction with the students in the class. I found her to be an enthusiastic, creative and dedicated to those thirty-three third graders. Because I like to be an active advocate for the children in my school's success, I enjoy stopping in to see them "in action." It was during such a time that I saw Crystal had divided the students into teams to play a science game in order to review for the upcoming test. The students were 100% engaged as they participated and studied. They were excited as they recalled facts and made connections between the content and their own lives. Although the students were enjoying themselves, I was glad to see that she still maintained classroom management and control.

I found that Crystal often collaborated with the other teachers. She frequently spent time brainstorming with Mrs. Ford and the other members of the third grade team. She created thematic unit enrichment and supplements that she shared with the other teachers. It was standard practice for her to work and adapt the curriculum to fit the students in her class and make it a meaningful experience for all. In conclusion, I believe Crystal would be a great addition to your faculty as she was a nice part of ours this last fall.

Larry L Quick

Principal, Kendall Elementary