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To Whom It May Concern:

Danielle came to Hometown School during the fall of 2008 while she completed her teacher aiding. I was also fortunate to have Danielle return in the spring of 2009 to complete her novice teaching in my classroom. I was ecstatic to learn that she would be returning to Hometown School!

During this time, Danielle prepared lesson plans for whole class instruction in every subject. She also worked with small groups, such as guided reading groups. She would differentiate the lessons to meet the needs of each child in the classroom. For example, Danielle assisted a student from Jordan who did not speak any English. Danielle worked to differentiate lessons and make accommodations for her. The student left my classroom in June speaking fluent English. Danielle is credited for all of the work she did with her.

In science, she prepared hands-on lessons that engaged the students. The students were actively involved in their learning, and Miss DeRoos continually used positive feedback with her students. The students in my classroom respected Miss DeRoos. She challenged her students and supported them when needed. Her love for children is apparent the second she walks into the classroom. Danielle takes the initiative. She never hesitates to "jump right in". She goes above and beyond what is expected.

Danielle attended staff and IEP meetings and always conducted herself in a professional manner. She was also able to participate in parent-teacher conferences. Danielle was an active participant in the conferences and had accurate, professional input to share with parents. She established a great rapport with the students, parents and staff.

I have been fortunate to not only work with Danielle from a teacher's perspective, but I am fortunate to know Danielle from a parent's perspective as well. Prior to Danielle coming to Hometown School, she also worked at Lawn Manor School in Oak Lawn. My twin daughters were in the second grade classroom Danielle assisted in. My daughters absolutely adored "Miss DeRoos".



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They would come home each day and talk about her. It was a joy to hear about her each day from my daughters. Danielle made a positive impression on my own children. As a parent, this was meaningful and comforting.

I have had many student teachers during my fifteen years as a teacher, and Danielle absolutely stands out. I would highly recommend Danielle for a teaching position. Danielle is well prepared for employment as a professional educator.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (708) 423-7360 (work) or (708) 334-8181 (cell) with any questions or concerns you may have about Danielle. I would be happy to discuss my observations at a greater length.

Sincerely,

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