

Letter of Recommendation

For

Rachel Chapman

3/25/2009

Rachel Chapman successfully completed twelve weeks of student teaching in my fourth grade classroom of twenty-five culturally diverse students at Sunnyside Elementary School, Indianapolis, Indiana. Rachel's excellent teaching ability was continually proven throughout her experience. She understands children socially, emotionally, and developmentally and has a keen sense of respect for and from the children. Her behavior management was exemplary. This is a skill that often takes young teachers years to develop.

I found Rachel to be highly organized, creative, hardworking, self-motivated, and a team player. Her strengths are too numerous to mention. She was eager to analyze her teaching and quickly employed the few changes we discussed. She met every week with the grade level team to take part in our collaborative lesson planning. Rachel taught readers' and writers' workshop. She was vital in the completion of the students published biography books. Rachel planned outstanding math lessons to teach fractions and measurement. She created units on electricity and pioneers. She used pre and post tests to modify lessons. Rachel found outside sources and guest speakers to make the learning even more meaningful to the students. She used the Project Approach by Sylvia Chard as the structure for her pioneer unit.

In summary, I strongly believe Rachel has had a successful experience, and I highly recommend her without reservation. I have taught for 31 years, and Rachel is by far, the best teacher candidate I have had the pleasure with which to collaborate. She will be a necessary addition to any staff and classroom.

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