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Amanda Blaylock has very successfully completed ten weeks of student teaching music in kindergarten through fifth grades at Sherman Elementary in Eau Claire, Wisconsin during the first quarter of the 2006-2007 school year.

Amanda is an extremely capable teacher. She is knowledgeable and has the skills to teach musical concepts in an enjoyable way. Her use of auditory, visual, and kinesthetic materials meets the needs of all learners. Amanda taught music by utilizing the Kodaly method of teaching folk songs and play party games to teach musical concepts. She led the students in solfege and rhythm reading, singing and writing. She was directly involved in preparing all grade levels for their Veteran's Day school program. Her musical teaching skills enabled the students to learn and perform the songs well for the program. She is a very hard worker and loves the challenge of new materials, which she works on until they are mastered. Her excellent organizational skills and preparation of sequential lessons were demonstrated in the preparation of students for assessment. These preparations included singing in tune, reading rhythms, singing in parts, Orff instrument improvising and playing.

Amanda demonstrates strong management skills through explaining her expectations to the students and follows up with positive reinforcement of these expectations. She provides activities, such as game songs, Orff playing, recorder work, and demonstrates a love of music and enthusiasm that keeps the students involved at all times. Amanda is at ease in front of the classroom showing great rapport and genuine concern for students at all levels. Her confidence in her abilities is evident in her teaching performance.

Amanda's friendly attitude, hard work, excellent ability, rapport with students and faculty, and cooperative spirit will make her a definite asset to any school she teaches in. I highly recommend Amanda Blaylock as a music teacher.

Sincerely,

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