



PRAIRIE VIEW ELEMENTARY OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Amanda Kinney, an interim music teacher at Prairie View Elementary, a K-4 school. Amanda has been the interim music teacher since January 2007 for the music teacher who is on leave. As principal of Prairie View Elementary, I have had the opportunity to work with Amanda and see how she provides a developmentally appropriate music experience for her students.

Amanda has the passion for teaching music. Her lessons are structured to provide experiences with listening, singing, and playing instruments. With a fifty minute instructional block for first through fourth graders, she has found a way to provide a variety of instructional music activities in order to keep the students engaged and interacting with music.

This year Amanda planned an all school music program. Due to the size of our school, she structured it into two sessions and had each grade level featured with specific songs and themes. It was a huge success and parents had very, very positive feedback. Amanda had to coordinate with many people to make the all school music performance happen. Custodial, facility use, classroom teachers, and everyone affected with a schedule change was well informed of the program and the impact to the schedule. Ahead of time, Amanda had prepared hand-outs for teachers to help facilitate during the program. This type of energy and enthusiasm is reflective of how she teaches and how well organized she is in her practice.

Amanda has also led the fourth grade choir. She met with students during lunch and has a large group of students participating. During the evening choir performance, Amanda led her students in many songs and has sustained and grown our choir at Prairie View.

Amanda is an excellent music teacher with a promising future in education. I would highly recommend her for any music teaching position. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 212-8290.

Sincerely,

Heather Sveom

Prairie View Elementary Principal