



# OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with Amanda Kinney for three years. The first year she worked with my students in kindergarten, and for the past two years with my second grade students.

While working with my kindergarten students, she helped with various programs throughout the year. She taught songs pertaining to our Thankful Feast, Friendship Day and our very important Kindergarten Graduation. She helped the students perform and take pride in their performance, as well as did most of the work of making sure the students knew all the words.

Each year while working with my second grade class, Amanda helped my students put on the play Peter Rabbit. When I switched grade levels, she was the one that helped me put on the production. Together we discussed and planned which student would be good at the various parts. In addition, she recorded the piano and vocal parts and burned them to CD so that we could practice when we had some extra classroom time. Again, she did most of the work and I received the credit.

If these types of programs were not enough, Amanda also took on producing an all-school winter program each year. This is very impressive as the previous teacher had not done them. This young energetic teacher was able to incorporate all grades, from kindergarten through fourth grade, into a well organized and entertaining show. She has very high standards for respect and cooperation of all students, and she receives it from all students. She has made our all-school musical program a highlight of the season.

Amanda is friendly and outgoing with the staff, as well as giving one hundred percent to a job she loves and enjoys. Her rapport with the students is truly another gift she possesses. I think of myself as a veteran teacher having worked in two different school districts, as well as a parent of two high school students, I can say, "I have never come across such an outstanding music teacher before." Any school would be lucky to have her on their staff.

Sincerely,

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