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Dear assistant Dean:

Carrie Harbidge volunteered at École Sainte-Marguerite-Bourgeoys, a francophone school, in my grade 3 class. She worked a total of 11 days and 88 hours. Carrie was a great addition to our classroom, she truly exceeded my expectations, and I would without a doubt recommend her to your faculty of education.

While working in the classroom, Carrie created some compelling pedagogical displays such as: a word wall for our English class; posters to help with our science unit; and posters on phonics. She also helped me put together material needed for numerous lessons (games, writing packages, etc). All the material she created was very well done, and I will be able to use it throughout my career. She was always willing to take on new projects and saw every one of those projects through.

Not only did Carrie help with material and organization, but she was also very involved with my students and everyday classroom life. She often had a small group of students that she would tutor and help. She ran an English centre everyday on writing a narrative story, and she read one on one with children having difficulty reading. She also tutored small groups in math and brought a science centre on sound and hearing to life. Throughout the day, she walked around helping individual students with whatever they needed. Carrie always had a huge amount of patience and a natural ability to connect with the students. She also put on a presentation on Iqaluit in 2 of our grade two classrooms, linking her presentation to the social studies curriculum. Carrie is such a calm and helpful person that her presence was very appreciated in our class. The students adored her and I felt lucky to have her help.

Furthermore, I noticed that Carrie has many qualities that would make her a great teacher. She is an effective communicator with children. She is able to explain concepts in a simple manner so students are able to understand and assimilate the information. Her patience and kindness towards the students are also necessary traits in a teacher. She is an exceptionally hard worker, and was always keeping herself busy. The students respected her and she was able to manage her groups effectively.

Carrie's diligence, energy, patience and kindness made working with her a joy. I highly recommend her as a welcome addition to your program. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact me at christelle.clairret@cscfesa.ab.ca or call at 403-240-2007.

Sincerely,

Christelle Clairret
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