



# University Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern:

Lisa Kroll has been a student teacher in my fourth grade, general education classroom from August 1- November 21, 2014. She has participated in all aspects of teaching and preparation throughout her time here at University School. She performed all duties necessary to begin the school year smoothly including: bulletin board preparation, setting up the classroom environment- both furniture and wall decorations, organization and preparation of materials, as well as all beginning inclusion activities to start the year on a positive, productive note. Her involvement in these beginning activities set the expectations for behavior, academic requirement, and social interaction for the rest of the year.

Mrs. Kroll organized many appropriate and successful lessons in the area of Geography, Native American Studies, technology, literature, vocabulary, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Class, and Readers/ Writers Workshop. She effectively used the adopted Social Studies text and math series along with other materials available in the library, in our classroom, and at school. She shows a great ability to use adopted materials along with expanded, creative lessons to connect all her teaching experiences to the fourth grade curriculum developed according to the MCCSC, Indiana state standards, and the guidelines set forth by our program of classroom management (these include the use of agendas, welcome boards, and teaching through the use of mini lessons.)

During her experience at University School, Mrs. Kroll has met the needs of a variety of learners. Our class consists of 24 students: 3 students come from various backgrounds and have English as a Second Language, 1 student is identified with special needs, and several students working well above grade level. Without exception, Mrs. Kroll has included the needs of the above learners in her plans and goals for the lesson development and assessment. She has wonderful classroom management skills and emphasizes the expectation that each student be accountable for demonstrating the quality of work and behavior appropriate to his/her ability and to the expectations for this age group. She has a wonderful rapport with all students and provides a safe, professional, friendly environment in which to learn.

Lisa Kroll has a professional and outgoing approach to the students and faculty. She has prepared for and participated in parent night, open house, parent/teacher conferences, and our unit writing meetings for International Baccalaureate (IB). She has attended our weekly fourth grade Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings. In all instances, she demonstrated a professional demeanor and an interest in meeting the educational goals reflected in each meeting.

In summary, I highly recommend Lisa Kroll for a position as teacher in an elementary school. She has clearly demonstrated the dedication, intelligence, and personal commitment to teaching young people. She has shown wonderful initiative in the classroom and has a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of children.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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