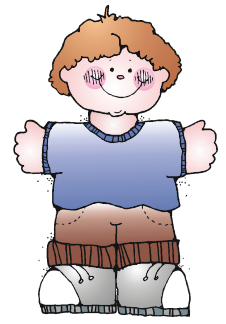


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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for a teaching position for Mrs. Katherine Quist. I have known and worked with Kate in Comstock Park Public Schools from September of 2004 to the present and I have been consistently impressed with her creativity, dedication to students and families, and strong work ethic.

During the 2004-2005 school year, I had the opportunity to work closely with Kate in the capacity of the Kindergarten Resource Room teacher. She had some of my special education students in her Kindergarten class. I was immediately impressed with her willingness to implement appropriate accommodations for her students with special needs. In fact, she worked hard to meet the individual needs of all of her students, whether they were her highest students or her lowest; every child was challenged at his or her level. She encouraged her students to love learning by engaging them in hands-on, multi-sensory activities. As a new teacher in the building I appreciated how easy she was to work with, and I looked up to her as a leader on our Kindergarten team.

I had the opportunity to work closely with Kate again during the past school year, as she taught Kindergarten and I taught Readiness Kindergarten. It was wonderful to work together with her on our Kindergarten team once again. This past year our school moved from half-day Kindergarten to full day Kindergarten and Readiness Kindergarten. She was an integral team member as we planned for full day Kindergarten and she happily shared resources and ideas that helped the school year run smoothly. Kate demonstrates a wealth of knowledge about technology, and efficiently utilizes the technology that is available in our school building to enhance learning activities for students. Kate develops respectful and caring relationships with her students and families. She regularly communicates with the parents of her students and treats families as partners in their child's education. As we move towards the Common Core, Kate successfully implemented Math Work Stations in her classroom to promote child-centered learning and higher level thinking.

As the spouse of a teacher at Knapp Forest Elementary School, I am very aware, and impressed, with the excellence that is expected of the educators who teach there; I am confident that Kate meets those expectations. As the mother of future Knapp Forest Elementary students, I would be thrilled to have my daughters be students in Mrs. Quist's classroom. That is the highest praise that I can give. Any district to gain Kate as a teacher would be extremely lucky. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Educationally,

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