

## Stoney Creek Elementary

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## Dear Fellow Educator:

I have had the joy and satisfaction of working with Katherine Quist during the 2006-2013 School years at Comstock Park Public Schools. In my capacity as a Kindergarten teacher and Reading Interventionist, I've personally witnessed her cooperative spirit, positive attitude, and caring disposition.

Kate works collaboratively with her colleagues and has developed a close, working relationship with the other teachers at each grade level. I have seen first hand, the effort and dedication Kate puts into her work. As a kindergarten team, we have cooperatively developed units in math and literacy stations, worked on developing narrative and nonfiction writing units and created activities for phonemic awareness skill building. Additionally, Kate has been the leader in the organization and development of common kindergarten assessment kits for all of the grade-level. Whenever we meet as a department to discuss education issues in other forums, I have always found her to be the quintessential professional, listening to others opinions with interest, offering suggestions based upon sound pedagogy, and demonstrating a sincere willingness to try new strategies. Kate will be implementing the new strategies in her classroom, within the next week. She continually strives to be a successful instructor.

Kate earnestly cares for the student's she works with, which is a strong and noticeable trait in her personality. She became very familiar with each child in her classroom, their unique needs and circumstances. Ultimately, she implemented the curriculum and adapted and modified it as necessary. She managed student behaviors, while maintaining academic interventions at a variety of levels.

Kate has excellent interpersonal skills; she is willing and eager to go the extra mile for students, staff, parents, and the school district. She treats others with respect and dignity. She is truly a team player; her presence on your teaching team will be a tremendous asset.

Kate Quist has a pleasant, easy-going disposition, is fun to be with at both professional and social gatherings, and is cheerful, positive, and friendly. She will fit in very comfortably with a group of professional educators who are serious about their work but also know when it is the right time to joke and relax. Her professionalism is a well-balanced blend of competence, experience, and cordiality. I eagerly give my endorsement of Kate Quist's skills and professionalism and with the highest praise.

Professionally.

Amber Klein