



Veneta Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Corinne Messman. Corinne currently teaches second grade at Veneta Elementary School. It has been my pleasure to work with her over the last seven years and I have come to know her as a passionate teacher who works hard to ensure student success.

Corinne provides her students with a differentiated curriculum and she makes a tremendous effort to meet the needs of individual students, both in whole class and small group instruction. She uses curriculum based measures to assess student progress and then collaborates with other staff to ensure that students receive the level of intervention and support they need. Her ability to assess student need means that she is able to target instruction and help students build the skills and strategies need to reach state goals in reading and math,

Corinne has a proven track record of working well with others including specialists and other classroom teachers. She has been a strong leader in her grade level team over the years and has helped to mentor teachers who are new to our district.

Corinne was one of the first teachers in our building to embrace technology and to see the potential of using technology to engage students in more active learning. She uses the internet and academic software to supplement our curriculum to better connect students with the world around them. She also uses computerized math programs and alternative technology as a way better engage students and allow them to work at their own level. All of this is done in careful alignment with the state standards to ensure students are not just using technology, they are mastering critical skills.

Corinne has very strong classroom management skills. Classroom routines are well taught and expectations are crystal clear in her class. Classroom problems are eliminated by a combination of good lesson planning, teaching replacement behaviors, providing positive support, and ensuring a climate where all students are accepted and valued. She also works with parents to build a collaborative team between home and school that supports the child.

As you can tell Corinne has many good qualities and it is nearly impossible to list them all in this letter. Please feel free to call me at the number above if you have any questions or need more information.

Thank you,

Olivia Johnson
Veneta Elementary Principal