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To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is a professional reference on behalf of Ms. Jody Dreher. I came to know Jody through a newspaper article written about her in the Sun-Sentinel newspaper which wrote about her talents as a Spanish instructor. As a Curriculum Facilitator with the Broward County School System I felt her approach to teaching a language is the most conducive for learning. I immediately registered my 3 year old son and 5 year old daughter. I was so impressed with her teaching methods, I recruited several other children.

As an educator and a parent, I know the importance of actively engaging students in what they are learning, as well as, offering them a variety of modalities in which to experience the curriculum. The music CD's offers easy to learn songs with such great music and lyrics that not only were my children singing along, I found myself singing and learning right along with them.

The children couldn't wait to attend class. Every class offered something new and entertaining for the students. The children sang, played musical instruments, enjoyed food, arts and crafts, played games, and even jumped on a trampoline. Ms. Dreher incorporates so much in her well organized lessons the children were engaged from the moment class began to the end of every class.

In my role as a Curriculum Facilitator and a New Educator Coordinator, I often observe teachers and have found a common weakness is their inability to engage all students. Ms. Dreher's lessons are well thought out, sequenced, and appropriate for all learners. One of her classes had children from 3 years old to 8 years old and she had them all learning and interacting in such a positive learning environment that it was amazing to observe and rare to see. All teachers from beginning teacher to the veteran teacher could benefit from her outstanding lessons and teaching strategies. Ms. Dreher packs so much into a 45 minute lesson with such smooth transitions from one activity to the next that students have no time to get off track or lose interest.

In my opinion, Ms. Jody Dreher exemplifies the true meaning of a teacher and is highly skilled in her craft. Students who have learned from her certainly develop a love of learning a new language. Teachers can learn a great deal from her management style, how she interacts with children of all ages and ability levels, as well as how to plan for engaging lessons that will have students yearning for more.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Ms. Dreher as she is truly an asset to the education profession.

Best regards,

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