

To whom it may concern,

It is with great honor and confidence that I offer this letter of reference on behalf of Ms. Jennifer DeGiovanni. For the past two years, I have served as Jennifer's direct supervisor.

Jennifer is the type of educator who engages students in high quality learning experiences that support the development of each students' capacity to become critical, creative, innovative, collaborative , and reflective learners. Jennifer strives for learning standards and curricula that address the whole child, are developmentally appropriate, and implemented with fidelity. She remains steadfast that assessments consider the child's academic, social-emotional, and physical progress while contributing to instructional and program planning.

She is a strong advocate for learning environments that nurture a positive sense of self through the incorporation of emotional vocabulary and self regulation skills. Jennifer was instrumental in bringing the Little Spots curriculum to our early childhood classrooms.

Jennifer provides ongoing support for her colleagues through collaborative lesson planning, modeling, and mentoring. Additionally, Jennifer served as a curriculum committee member to develop comprehensive intentional play scenarios aligned to current curriculum standards in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and social emotional learning. Included in each scenario were resources to support family engagement in the learning process.

Jennifer values the critical role families play in the development of their child. Jennifer ensures that each family understands their child's individual learning needs and how those learning needs are supported both within her classroom environment and in other specialty subject areas. Jennifer responds in a timely manner to family requests and readily connects families to further resources both within the school community and the community at large. During scheduled meetings, Jennifer sits side by side with family members to ensure that they understand what is being presented by each team member and also have the opportunity to respond.

Besides Jennifer's exceptional teaching skills, she is always learning and researching the latest programs to support children and their families. She is a responsible individual, possesses a sharp mind, is well organized, and is willing to go the extra mile for her students' well being. Jennifer is friendly, generous, and well respected by her colleagues.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Jennifer DeGiovanni for a teaching position. She is a person of integrity who would be an asset.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information in support of my recommendation.

Sincerely,

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