



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"to enable all students to succeed in a changing world"

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Lauren O'Brien who served as a student teacher from Albright College.

Lauren completed her six week experience in student teaching in the fall of 2012. Our first grade is in the unique position of having an Intervention teacher, co-teaching with Learning Support, and Response to Intervention to meet the needs of all our students. Lauren showed flexibility in working with the varied learning environments.

Lauren completed a four week Weather Unit Plan in Science focusing on our curriculum and pacing guides. The unit is kit based, offering multiple hands on opportunities for teaching. Her unit was organized and the instruction was appropriately paced to foster student learning. Creative learning opportunities were offered for student involvement. She also incorporated formative, summative, and performance assessment techniques.

Lauren's creative lessons have drawn the students in and allowed her to create a strong rapport with the children. Lauren managed student behavior appropriately and effectively, creating an effective classroom environment that enabled all students to find success in learning.

Lauren had ample opportunity to demonstrate a strong competence in using a variety of teaching methodologies. Her lessons were well developed to include standards based objectives, differentiated instruction, technology, and high-order thinking skills. All modes of learning were taken into consideration and various needs of students were well considered.

During Lauren's time at Earl, she continuously established a positive relationship with students and staff. She demonstrated this during staff development and daily classroom routines. During this time, Lauren demonstrated integrity and appropriate professional conduct.

I highly recommend Lauren for a placement in the field of education. She is capable of handling challenging situations and would be an asset to any school environment.

Sincerely,

Polly M. Heeney, B.S. Early Childhood & Elementary Education, M.S. Classroom
Technology, M.S. Library

First Grade Teacher
Earl Elementary School, Boyertown Area School District, Pennsylvania