

April 14, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Adree Fairbanks. I have known Adree as her Cohort leader, instructor and university supervisor. Adree has successfully completed all the requirements of the University of Utah's Early Childhood Education licensure program. The students in this program have the advantage of working in both a Kindergarten and a primary grade classroom for nearly a full year – from the beginning of school in August all the way through the middle of April. During this time Adree has seen what it takes to begin a school year, to participate in both long and short term planning and to participate in, as well as conduct, parent/teacher/student conferences.

For the purpose of this letter, I would like to focus on her full time student teaching. Adree spent her student teaching working at Wasatch Elementary in the Salt Lake City School District in Salt Lake City, Utah. She worked in both a Kindergarten and a first grade placement. I really enjoyed watching Adree work with her Kindergarten students. She learned how to implement a district wide literacy program and became quite adept at guided reading instruction for low, on level and above level students. She integrated hands-on spelling, word work, math and science into differentiated centers for students that reinforced the concepts taught during the Literacy block.

Next Adree took on the challenge of the first grade learners. Adree created and implemented a two week integrated Science unit. The unit included literature, math, science, art and writing activities all connected to the theme of living things.

Adree is an extremely hard worker which is reflected in the quality of her work, both as a teacher and a learner. She always displays great kindness and positive support towards her students. Adree Fairbanks is an excellent teacher candidate. I recommend her highly and I know she will be an asset to your school and district. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at 801-580-9696

Sincerely,



Trish Saccomano
Early Childhood Education Cohort Leader
Department of Family and Consumer Studies
University of Utah
t.saccomano@comcast.net or trish.saccomano@fcs.utah.edu
801-580-9696 or 801-467-8534