

Letter of Recommendation for Jonna Kennedy

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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Jonna Kennedy as she applies to your school. Jonna joined my classroom as a student teacher in August. She quickly integrated herself into our school, helped establish a strong classroom community, and has proven to be a valuable member of the 4th grade team. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and ability to quickly build strong connections with students have been evident throughout her time here. Jonna stands out as one of the most open, caring, and hardworking student teachers I have had the privilege of working with at Newton.

Angier Elementary School is a full-inclusion school serving about 400 students in grades K-5. As an inclusion school, we prioritize reaching every student based on their unique needs and learning styles. Jonna exemplifies this inclusive approach consistently in her planning and instruction. She maintains a strong belief in each child's potential, fostering a positive and empowering learning environment for all. Jonna embraces every student as they are, tailoring her teaching to support their individual needs. Throughout her time at Angier, Jonna did an excellent job teaching in every subject area. She takes on a student-centered approach to learning and promotes both communication and teamwork among students. Her teaching skills specifically shine in math. Under Jonna's guidance, the students were encouraged to take risks, share their math thinking, and learn from their mistakes in a positive way. Jonna has a remarkable ability to create an environment where all students feel comfortable, open, and willing to share their ideas. By fostering this type of learning community, students are engaged and are seen as valuable members.

In addition to creating a sense of belonging among her students, Jonna extends these feelings of inclusion and support to her fellow professionals as well. Her genuine kindness and easy-going personality makes her a dream colleague. From the start of the school year, Jonna has shown a deep commitment to collaboration. She felt comfortable teaching lessons from the beginning of the year; and as she became more familiar with our classroom, she also gave valuable insight on our students during professional learning community meetings. Furthermore, Jonna also excels in her ability to be self-reflective and implement feedback. After each lesson, she consistently seeks opportunities to enhance her teaching practice by reflecting on her lessons, and seeking feedback from colleagues and mentors. One of Jonna's many strengths is her exceptional work ethic. She not only identifies areas for growth, but also immediately applies feedback in her next lessons to improve her teaching practice.

I wholeheartedly recommend Jonna for a position at your school. I am confident she will continue to thrive and make a positive impact. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,
Amber Murray