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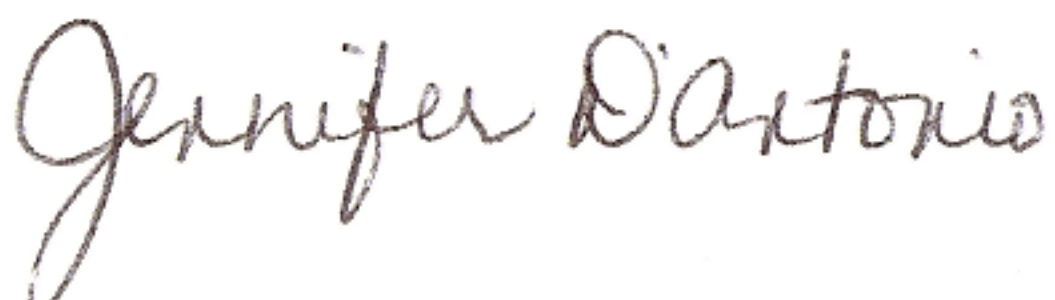
To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of working with Jessica Achee during her student teaching experience. She worked with me in an extended day kindergarten program at Starkweather Elementary School in West Chester, Pennsylvania from January 2011 to May 2011. This program is for at risk students who are chosen from the half day classes based on severe academic need. The students at Starkweather come from a variety of cultural and socio economic backgrounds.

Miss Achee is a very motivated, compassionate, and talented educator. She has shown an excellent understanding of the needs of children in the diverse academic setting of extended day kindergarten. She is able to present lessons that are engaging as well as content rich. She has an outstanding ability to present these lessons while maintaining a structured classroom environment. She includes technology into lessons, and is eager to use new ideas in the classroom. Miss Achee was cognizant of the unique needs of some of our students in planning and implementing lessons, and worked collaboratively with specialists in the building to provide what each child needed individually. By attending professional development meetings she has continued to gain knowledge of the teaching profession.

Jessica's instruction techniques, classroom management style, and flexibility are attributes that have had a positive impact on the lives of students. She will be a tremendous asset to any school community. I thoroughly enjoyed working with her as both mentor and colleague.

Sincerely,



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