



Maple Green Elementary

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 36 (SURREY)

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

Re: Heather Keck

To Whom It May Concern:

Heather Keck has committed to working with my grade four students at Maple Green Elementary since January of this year. She came on filming days for the full day and worked collaboratively with classroom teachers, filming coordinators, and two classes of grade 4 students.

(www.mrsdyckclass.com/Movie_2010-11/Welcome.html) Heather also continued to volunteer at the school until June with regular classroom responsibilities.

Heather has a number of strengths and interests to offer her employer. She has an extremely strong technology background that has been a huge asset during our project with the students. Her knowledge in the use of movie making, and editing allowed her to help facilitate students best work during filming. She also worked with students to help them create web pages as part of their research into owls. (www.mrsdyckclass.com/Div8_2010-11/Owls.html)

While working with the students, Heather facilitated groups to make appropriate choices involving the completion of their project. She was encouraging and kept students on task while always maintaining a positive attitude. She ensured all students participated in contributing to their final projects. She has been extremely dependable and collaborative in sharing her technical expertise with all the members involved in these projects.

Heather took initiative in resolving problems or challenges faced throughout these projects independently. She was able to trouble shoot technological issues as well as redirect any off task behaviors.

Heather demonstrated her perspective about teaching and learning when she showed a strong understanding of how students need to problem solve by working through their situations independently. Heather has shown that she can take on the role of the facilitator in a classroom. She was always respectful, remained calm and maintained a safe environment for the students while they used a variety of filming equipment.

Heather's directions while working with the students were clear and concise as well as age appropriate for grade four students. She was also confident in her ability to express her ideas to the teachers and the filming crew.

In summary, Heather displayed the qualities that would make a successful teacher. She is dependable, motivated, and is in tune with the needs of the students. She works well with colleagues and is able to learn from those around her. I highly recommend that she be accepted into PDP at SFU. I can be contacted at Maple Green Elementary, 604-594-8838 or by email heir_s@sd36.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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