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Mrs. Jennifer Penfield student taught at Earle C. Davis Elementary School in North East, PA. In this suburban setting, she taught Kindergarten for 12 weeks. It was my pleasure to supervise her student teaching experience.

JJ planned and taught lessons across the curriculum that were very well sequenced, had great student interest and varied activities and were age-appropriate. She was very resourceful in finding and using instructional materials that expanded on the core Kindergarten curriculum. She had high expectations for each student, stated same and presented lessons with appeal and learning to a wide range of student abilities.

She created and maintained a very supportive classroom environment. The children blossomed and were given many opportunities to show what they were learning in a variety of ways. Student behavior was managed well using rewards and redirects, both verbal and nonverbal. Her high expectations were well presented, monitored and age appropriate. In this classroom under her direction, students became responsible for their actions, proud of their accomplishments and confident and successful learners.

JJ's knowledge of content to be learned, creative methods of presenting instruction and clear objectives for each lesson allowed for various learning styles. Technology, use and expansion of literature and investigative questioning all contributed to the overall outstanding quality of her lessons. She very successfully paired small leveled reading groups with interactive and engaging centers, all the while monitoring the whole classroom, resulting in the students actively involved in learning for this hour.

JJ's maturity, experience as a parent, and professional demeanor combined with the abilities above make her an outstanding teacher. She is very well respected by students and staff. She will make a valuable addition to any school. I highly recommend her for a teaching position. Please feel free to contact me to further discuss her strengths that I have observed.



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