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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great privilege that I write to you in recommendation of Tina Zecher. I have recently had the wonderful opportunity to work with her for seven weeks at a Pre-school site for Mesa Public School's, First Things First Program. Tina was hired on as an assistant to the pre-school teacher, Rebecca Arnett. In January of 2012 Rebecca left on maternity leave for seven weeks. I was hired as the long-term substitute teacher.


It has truly been a delightful educational experience. Because Tina is in school finishing her early education degree she is familiar with all the latest research and effective teaching technique for early learners. Consequently, Tina and I decided that it would be beneficial for her to take on the roll of head teacher for the experience since she will be required to do two semesters of student teaching.

I have been so impressed with her inherit talents to work with younger children. Her genuine love for the students is evident in the way she receives them each morning with a friendly personal greeting. Throughout the day Tina communicates positive encouragements, solves discipline issues with diplomatic advice, conducts class circle-time with ease and expertise. She is able to adjust the lesson plans to meet the needs of the students and mixes learning, academic, discovery and don't forget playing in every area of the classroom. The students love working with Miss Tina and especially playing her imaginary games during center playtime.

It has been such a learning experience for me! The way she talks to the children individually to discuss ways they can better communicate with each other and then encourages them to practices those skills just amazes me, for example, her patience in tense and potentially explosive situations help to bring control back to the student and classroom. Some veteran teachers are still trying to master these skills including myself.

Tina has been a pleasure to work with. I have thoroughly enjoyed this learning and fun experience. I would highly recommend her for employment in any area of early educational teaching field. She is a truly gifted young learner teacher.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dayna Behning". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dayna Behning, Mesa Public School Early Learner, First Thing First, Staff Member