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It is with pleasure that I recommend Kevin Collins for a teaching position at your institution. I have had the privilege of working with Kevin as a colleague in the Fenton Area Public Schools for the last fifteen years. During this time I have observed Kevin's energetic, creative approach to education closely. When he was a first grade teacher at North Road Elementary, I'd often stand in my doorway to the art room across the hall as I waited for my next class. I watched him relate to his students and engage them in meaningful and interactive learning.

Later as a fourth grade teacher, I saw Kevin challenge his students to achieve while finding ways to help them enjoy the process and take ownership of their learning. One thing I have always noticed about his teaching environment was the absence of commercially made learning visuals. The room is very student centered including student created materials on the walls as prompts. The stage is set for learning through inquiry and discovery. It is not unusual to see models, dioramas, artwork and unusual classroom animals such as lizards, chicks and a degus (just to name a few) for scientific observation disguised as pets!

Kevin is an excellent role model in his personal and professional life. His enthusiasm, creativity and sense of humor are evidenced in his children's books. His books are a delight and an inspiration to the students, teachers and families at North Road. Last year, he held a book presentation and a school wide writer's workshop. Consequently, his *Motorcycle Santa's Coming to Town* has become a much sought after title in our Media Center.

I have always found Kevin to be cooperative and flexible, an excellent colleague and all around team player. He teaches with humor, compassion, understanding and sensitivity to the individual needs and backgrounds of his students.

I highly recommend him without hesitation. Please feel free to contact me at 810-923-3657 or samanlaw@aol.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sandy Law
Art Teacher
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