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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is my personal recommendation for Ms. Ashley Richardson for an elementary teaching position. I have had the privilege of being Ms. Richardson's cooperating teacher this fall semester of 2010. From the very first day of her student teaching, she consistently worked closely with me as well as with our entire third grade team in order to contribute to our lesson planning with her fresh and innovative ideas. Ms. Richardson also actively participates in our faculty meetings, after school staff development opportunities, and has built a strong rapport with our students and their families. She tackles all of her student teaching and university requirements with enthusiasm, dedication and a smile.

Besides being a joy to work with, Ms. Richardson is a take-charge person who has effectively created a classroom environment where students are engaged, excited, and actively involved in their learning. She uses a variety of materials and resources to do this. She has taught lessons utilizing everything from a Kiwi for a Science lesson to utilizing a SmartBoard for Reading and Writing. Ms. Richardson demonstrates the use of different teaching strategies in order to reach all students in class. She provides for the needs of ELL students with sentence stems, anchor charts and pictorial vocabulary words. She also differentiates her instruction to meet the needs of our G/T student population. Ms. Richardson often provides extension activities to enrich their learning as well as provides more challenging TEKS targeted assignments during their literacy station work.

I highly recommend Ms. Richardson for a teaching position. She is a team player and would make a great asset to any school and grade level. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



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