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To Whom It May Concern:

I have the pleasure of serving as Andrea Kuchta's professor for *EIEC 3320: Math methods for the inclusive early childhood classroom* this semester. Andrea was a great student in class. She was prepared for class and actively participated in the group activities we did. When she was asked to apply her knowledge, she consistently made thoughtful, thorough responses that connected the course material to her experiences in the classroom. Her work consistently exceeded expectations. What I found most impressive were her abilities to explain the content with understanding and her ability to clearly articulate appropriate resources for classroom use.

Andrea did very well in demonstrating a variety of strategies for the four mathematics operations we covered. She not only could use the multiple strategies, she gave thorough responses as to why they worked based on mathematical properties. Her solid understanding and ability to use the strategies flexibly make her an ideal candidate for a tutoring position in The Learning Commons.

Andrea also excelled in finding a variety of resources to use to teach specific mathematics content. In the Tools for Teaching Mathematics assignment, I ask students to find manipulatives, games, literature, and technology that could be used to teach a specific mathematics standard. For each of these tools, students are required to include an activity that focuses on the standard. Andrea's work on this project was thorough and thoughtful. She made excellent connections and demonstrated her understanding of using multiple methods to reach the needs of diverse learners.

Based on our conversations, the quality of her work, and my observations of her in class, I have no doubt that Andrea will be an effective educator. Andrea's organizational skills, leadership experience, thorough preparation, and thoughtful work will make her an asset to The Learning Commons. She has the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed to thrive as an educator. Her future school, colleagues, and most importantly, students, will benefit immensely from Andrea's dedication. For these reasons, I full recommend Andrea for a tutoring position without any reservation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information.

Sincerely,



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