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To Whom It May Concern,

I am currently a Title I Reading teacher and the director of the Artist in Residence program at Blue Ridge Elementary School in New Milford, PA. I have worked closely with Lisa Facciponti as she completed a twenty day residency for all of our second grade students. While at Blue Ridge, each of our four second grade classrooms dove into a different culture from around the world. Lisa spent months researching the countries chosen by our staff to be studied. She made each culture come alive through storytelling, dancing, drumming and singing.

Ms. Facciponti tied the activities to Pennsylvania State Standards of the Arts and Humanities as well as standards from many other subject areas. Children looked at world maps, learned words from different languages, ate cultural foods and discussed customs unique to each area being studied. She integrated her program with our art and music departments, and involved high school and middle school students in reading stories to our elementary students. Our second graders gave a final performance for the school, family members and community highlighting many of the things they had learned.

I highly recommend Lisa Facciponti as an Artist in Residence. Her preparation and background knowledge of her subject is second to none. Her rapport with students and teachers make everyone comfortable and willing to participate in many new experiences. Our students have benefited greatly by this residency and both students and staff will miss her. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Margaret Glezen
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