



# Muhlenberg Elementary School



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To whom it may concern:

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Lisa Facciponti conducted a week-long residency at Muhlenberg Elementary school. Our goal was to integrate the arts into the fourth grade curriculum, specifically the studies of Pennsylvania history. What follows here is an evaluation resulting from my observation of her classes with the intention of recommending her for residency work in other schools.

Lisa met with each of our three fourth grade classes for forty-five minutes every day, Monday through Friday. During these periods, she addressed ethnic cultures found in Pennsylvania. These cultures were decided upon as a result of a survey taken of our fourth grade students, as to their ethnic backgrounds, as well as through discussion and planning between Lisa and myself, the music teacher.

Throughout the week, Lisa engaged the students in learning through the use of many activities such as:

\*map study to learn where we are and how we got here.

\*songs, dances and stories from the Native American culture.

\*songs, dances, games, and stories from the African American culture.

\*songs, dances and stories from the European culture, emphasizing the role the Irish played in the building of the canal system throughout the eastern US, and specifically Pennsylvania.

\*songs, games and stories from the Latin American culture.

Lisa used musical instruments, costumes, toys, props, and music from the various cultures in teaching the students about customs, celebrations, traditions, history and geography. She incorporated student participation, a variety of activities, and excellent pace to keep the students focused, listening, learning and excited about her classes.

Lisa's calm manner is very conducive to the students' learning. She is a wealth of information, due to her past experiences, travel experiences, and conscientious research. She holds the students' interest with her excellent classroom management and her skilled ability in storytelling.

Lisa is punctual, on schedule, and can adapt easily to every situation, including having to move from room to room to meet all the classes. She is friendly and respectful to teachers and students, cooperative, and a joy to work with. I hope she will be able to come back to our school again soon.

Respectfully submitted with best wishes always,

Mrs. Nancy Fennell, Music Teacher  
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