January 29, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

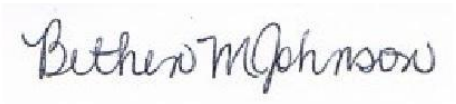
James Savage has been a student teacher in my third-grade class with Ohio Virtual Academy for seventeen weeks. He has been a part of a three-teacher team, with 99 students. OHVA is departmentalized in third grade, therefore, during his time in my class James has been responsible for teaching math. He has also had several opportunities to observe and assist in a Language Arts classroom.

Mr. Savage has demonstrated that he knows and understands that lessons need to be data driven and standards based to engage students in mathematics. He has gained valuable experience introducing multiplication, division, fractions, and elapsed time during his student teaching. James has shown growth each time he has planned and implemented a lesson. He has successfully demonstrated his awareness of different learning styles and has adequately adjusted lessons to meet the varied needs of students.

Mr. Savage has a strong desire to be a great teacher. He possesses a positive and enthusiastic personality. James is passionate about motivating students through creativity. He has developed an impactful rapport with students, while fostering a growth mindset.

James Savage has demonstrated friendliness and flexibility when working with students, fellow educators, and administrators. I believe that he will continue to grow and become even more effective as a teacher. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. James Savage. As his faculty supervisor from Grand Canyon University, I had the pleasure of working with Jim during his student teaching experience. He was cooperative, collaborative and proved himself to be a teacher who connects with his students, creates a safe environment for them, and instills self-confidence.

Jim has devoted many years to education as a substitute teacher. He uses his gifts and talents to reach the students and offers many ways for them to learn and enjoy their lessons. As an artist, as well as a writer of children's books, he looks at education through the lens of his creativity, to help students feel engaged and interested. He offered chances for the students to learn in a variety of ways, with special focus on the arts.

During the challenge of the pandemic, he adapted to the online learning platform, showing flexibility and the willingness to learn and adjust to this new venue. I was impressed by his ability to help the students feel both comfortable and challenged during these stressful and unusual times.

The students were happy and focused in his class, willing to share, and eager to learn. I feel that any school who employs Jim, will have a teacher who makes a difference in the lives of his students. If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further with me, feel free to call at 419 345 5084.

Thank you.

Patti Irons

Mrs. Patricia Irons

GCU Faculty Supervisor

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Jim Savage. Mr. Savage has worked closely with me during his methods and field experience teaching. He has experienced lesson planning, individualized instruction, and has reflected on each lesson to improve his teaching techniques.

Mr. Savage demonstrates the qualities of an effective teacher. He has respect for each student, and works cooperatively with fellow teachers and administration.

Mr. Savage has experience in looking at data to drive instruction. He has attended grade level meetings where he has been exposed to using data to develop individualized lessons and authentic assessments.

Mr. Savage has demonstrated his ability to handle a classroom. He has the tools to begin a rewarding career in the teaching field.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Cathy Knauff
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