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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Tami Nelson. Ms. Nelson is the strings teacher for our fifth grade students at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School this year. During her year with us, Ms. Nelson has shown herself to be an effective and talented instructor.

Ms. Nelson works to create a school climate that has a love of music. During Back to School Night, Ms. Nelson was in the hallways playing the violin. When speaking to our fifth graders about strings, she shares her love of music and the satisfaction of performing for an audience. Ms. Nelson's passion for music has had a positive impact on our school.

Ms. Nelson holds high expectations for her students. She has created a Strings Handbook for the students and parents so expectations are clear and families are well informed. Students are aware of the criteria for earning their grades beyond playing their instrument. Ms. Nelson is highly organized and sets goals for her students each week. Students have made excellent progress in learning to play a stringed instrument this year.

Ms. Nelson communicates well with all stakeholders. She works collaboratively with the fifth grade teachers to ensure everyone is well informed of schedules and expectations. Ms. Nelson has created a Strings website as a resource for students and families. The Strings Handbook informs students and parents of performance dates, caring for their instrument, classroom expectations and grading policies. Ms. Nelson has been collaborative and professional in all interactions.

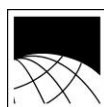
Ms. Nelson worked hard to create a community of students attending the strings program. Students attend strings class from different classrooms, and it can be a challenge to develop unity. Ms. Nelson implemented a variety of strategies to ensure student focus was on learning the music and to reduce off-topic talking. She held high expectations throughout the year, and students were able to experience the joy of creating something that none could create alone in their performances this year.

Best wishes to Ms. Nelson for all future endeavors!

Respectfully,



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