



Marion Schilling Elementary School

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To: Whom it May Concern

Re: Letter of Reference for Ms. Jessica Merrikin

Ms. Merrikin completed her 10 week practicum, for Thompson Rivers University, at Marion Schilling Elementary School located in Kamloops, British Columbia. Ms. Merrikin conducted herself professionally and demonstrated a strong dedication to students and their education. She provided valuable contributions to Staff Meetings and Professional Development Days. She led after school programs, including Art and Pickleball. She also coached our Grade 6 / 7 Boys Basketball Team. In my opinion, Ms. Merrikin went beyond the expectations of her practicum.

I had the opportunity to observe a lesson led by Ms. Merrikin. She demonstrated an innovative teaching style. Her lesson appealed to a variety of learning styles, incorporating oral dialogue, visual images, drama, experimentations, and hands-on activities. The lesson was appropriately paced and students were engaged. She demonstrates good classroom management skills and uses unique signals to gain students' attention. She values the contributions of all students. Her presence in the classroom is calm, patient, and encouraging.

It was a pleasure having Ms. Merrikin at Marion Schilling, and she will be missed by both staff and students. I would confidently recommend her for a teaching position, and she would be an asset to any school.

Sincerely,

Ms. K. Chernoff
Vice Principal, Marion Schilling Elementary School