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To Whom It May Concern:

Amy Hadden is in her fourth year of teaching kindergarten at Bois D'Arc Elementary School. She has been our only kindergarten teacher and provided her students with a solid foundation for moving forward in their educational growth. She has continued, each year, to gain strength in her self-confidence and teaching ability, and is truly becoming a model teacher.

Amy is a perfectionist! She expects nothing less than the best of herself. She is a high achiever, having been a leader and receiving many awards throughout her high school and college days as a student. Her care and concern for students is evident in the way she relates to them and works to form positive relationships with them. She, in turn, expects the most out of her students and often spends her own time after school to tutor, when necessary. In her four years of teaching, she has had experience with students with a variety of special needs, and has served them well in her self-contained classroom.

I am proud to have had Amy on my staff and would highly recommend her to any school district that is looking for a Pre-K to Second Grade teacher, full of energy and with a very positive outlook on life.

Educationally yours,



**Mary Mays**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have taught with Amy Hadden for the last four school years. I have also had the privilege of having her for my son's kindergarten teacher this school year. Amy is an outstanding teacher and peer. She has a great rapport with all of the faculty and staff she works with. She is upbeat, enthusiastic and inspires others around her to do the same. She also works well with others on committees within our school and is fabulous at keeping things organized.

As a parent of one of her students, I have to commend her for her love of teaching. She motivates her students daily to be their best. She gets to know each student and makes them feel special. Her lessons are interesting and creative. She keeps parents informed of what is going on each day in the classroom with daily folders. She also sends weekly letters home to let parents know what will be happening the following week in her classroom. She is truly loved by her students.

Amy differentiates her classroom to meet the needs of all of her students. This year, with 24 students she has made many changes to accommodate all of their needs. My son has been diagnosed with Sensory Integration Disorder this year and is still being tested for other neurological disorders. During this rough time for him, Mrs. Hadden has been exceptional. She has made visual daily schedules to help with transitions. She has modified his behavior chart to be smiles and frowns, compared to the classroom's card system. She rearranged the classroom to help with his flight risk. She has made changes in the way she transitions from activity to activity and she has continued to be his cheerleader. Even on the worst days possible for him, she always ended his day with, "Tomorrow is a new day and we will try again."

Although I am saddened that she is leaving our school family, I feel that Amy would be a great asset to your school district. We will continue to use many of her creative ideas in our school and district. Please consider Amy for any position in your district. She will compliment any staff.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stills  
Third Grade Teacher/Kindergarten Parent  
Bois D'Arc Elementary School

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have taught with Amy Hadden for about 4 years now. She does a great job of maintaining a great rapport with the teachers/staff that she works with. She stays on top of getting her work completed and turned in in a timely manner. She has participated in various committees within the school and has done a great job.

Not only does she work well with other teachers, but she is an amazing teacher herself. The students love her. She is so good at bringing the content of what she is teaching up or down to the level that the kids are at. She does an amazing job with her classroom discipline/control. If she has trouble with a student, she is always trying to seek out advice/ideas to help them be successful in her classroom and throughout the school day.

I feel that Amy Hadden would do an outstanding job in any school. She is able to juggle many things at a time and devote the time that is needed to each of them. I hope that you will accept Amy to your school staff so that you can see for yourself what an amazing teacher she really is.

Sincerely,

Kristen Norsten  
Special Education Teacher  
Bois D'Arc Elementary School

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I am a second grade teacher at Bois D'Arc Elementary. I have worked with Amy Hadden for about four years. Amy is a dedicated teacher and clearly enjoys what she does. She has a genuine love for the children. They, in turn, love her and respond well to her enthusiasm.

Amy is very easy to work with. She is confident in her teaching ability, yet is open to other ideas and will seek advice if needed. She always displays a positive attitude, as well as a willingness to collaborate and work together. She is extremely organized and is a hard worker.

Amy's dedication, creativity, warmth and enthusiasm would be a welcome addition to any school. She definitely displays the qualities of a great teacher and I would highly recommend her for a position on your staff.

Sincerely,

Mary Seibert  
Second Grade Teacher  
Bois D'Arc Elementary School

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in reference to Amy Hadden. I had the pleasure of working with Amy at Bois D'arc Elementary School. I believe Amy will be an asset to your teaching staff. She has numerous strengths and talents that will help her be successful in this position.

Amy is a prime candidate for this position because she has proven her abilities as a technology teacher during her 5 years of teaching. She believes that she must set a good example for her students and co-workers by working hard. She has an amazing talent with young children. Amy engages students, and she shines in even the most difficult situations.

Amy is always willing to help out her colleagues. She is happy to collaborate with other staff members to create better lessons for students. She worked with me in the computer lab, teaching her kindergarteners how to use the computers and a variety of programs and educational games. Mrs. Hadden understands that things do not always turn out as planned, and she is flexible when necessary. Her classroom management skills help her to discipline students when needed. She has proven that she can handle many responsibilities and situations with grace and precision.

Most importantly, Mrs. Hadden loves her students, and her students love her. Amy also worked with me in the library during library classes. I have observed her teaching her students throughout the year, and she loves her job. She has successfully taught kindergarten students with varying learning styles and varying learning abilities. Amy Hadden uses creativity to form new and different learning opportunities for students. Amy is a very enthusiastic teacher, which I believe helps motivate students. It is an honor to recommend Amy Hadden. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kristina Greidanus