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To Whom It May Concern:

A research project was conducted during January Session 2010 at Manchester Elementary School in North Manchester, IN. Mary Jane Dickey, an elementary education major teacher candidate, assisted daily in copying, compiling, recording, and packaging books for each first graders and the small group teachers.

Mary Jane's involvement in this research project allowed her to establish professional relationships with research teachers enhancing her development of the following CARE objectives including

R1: demonstrates sensitivity for diversity with students, colleagues, parents, college faculty, and/or community agencies

R2: demonstrates with full awareness of ethical and legal responsibilities of teachers

R3: values life-long learning, personal/professional development, and/or service orientation

The opportunity to participate as a teacher engaged in research goes beyond the traditional undergraduate elementary education program providing Mary Jane a unique professional learning experience. Mary Jane's level of dedication and commitment to supporting research teachers by preparing a package of books to be utilized by each research teacher during the small group reading sessions was appreciated by the principal investigator in charge of this research project.

Sincerely,

Victoria Eastman

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Instructor and Principal Investigator