

WEST MIDDLESEX AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educating the youth of: West Middlesex Borough, Lackawannock and Shenango Townships

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recommend Miss Evan Williams for an elementary classroom teacher in your school district. I have worked alongside Evan during the present school year as our district's Title I reading teacher for students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

Evan, as our Title I reading instructional aide, gained a deeper understanding of a struggling reader's obstacles. She learned to assist children who needed extra support in reading in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. With this position, Evan acquired experience in using Kidwriting, Guided Reading, individual reading conferencing, and PSSA preparation. She was trained in two reading intervention programs, Leveled Literacy Intervention (L.L.I.) and Quick Reads, for students in grades kindergarten, first, second, third and fourth grade. While working with the students Evan assessed students using running records, Children's Progress, Concepts to Print, and fluency tests.

Evan worked with our struggling reading students and assisted other professionals in the Title I program. By teaching students in small groups, they successfully learned decoding and comprehension strategies, gained confidence and self esteem. She reported her students' progress and communicated with parents and teachers daily.

With her wealth of knowledge in journalism and her elementary teaching experience, Evan brings unique strengths to a district and classroom and any district would be fortunate to employ her. Please feel free to call me if you desire more information, 724-634-3030 ext. 1200.

Educationally yours,

Sherry Decker, M.ED.

Reading Specialist