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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I am able to recommend Mallory Namoff for position at your school or organization. I think she has incredible potential as an educator or childcare provider and recommend her without reservation.

I met Mallory in January 2016 when she was enrolled in a course I was teaching at Columbia College Chicago titled "Young Children's Literature: Enculturation through Words and Images." The main focus of this course was to explore the ways in which printed picture books contribute to a child's developing understandings of the world. She always exceeded my objectives for demonstrating learning and generally worked ahead of schedule. Her contributions to classroom discussions were always insightful and well-anchored in course readings, demonstrating her dedication to understanding the course content at a very high level. Mallory's interactions with peers through collaborative projects were exemplary as well, often communicating outside of class with group members to ensure work was complete and of exceptional quality.

In addition to the formal professor-student relationship afforded by the college level classroom, I also had the pleasure of getting to know Mallory on a more personal level when we met for informal advising sessions. Through these conversations I learned of Mallory's passion for working in education and applying a Reggio-Emilia inspired approach to her interactions with children. I learned that she is a planner and that she is committed to following her dreams—something that requires persistence and vision (qualities I already see in Mallory).

Mallory's patience, tone, and approachability make her a great candidate for any teaching or child care position. She is a wonderful person, a skilled communicator, and a dedicated team member. I hope your meeting with Ms. Namoff allows you to draw the same conclusions I have about her teaching and her dispositions for teaching. Should you require any additional assistance, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached most easily via email or on my cellular phone at 708-567-5628.

Sincerely,



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