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To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of working with Frances Rickard as her student teaching supervisor at the University of Illinois. I supervised Frances during her fall placement where she worked at Lincoln Trail Elementary School in Mohomet, Illinois teaching a fourth grade class. I had the opportunity to observe her four times and met with her weekly in academic seminars.

Frances's love for teaching was evident in both the enthusiasm she displayed in presenting her lessons and her relationship with her students. She easily adapted her teaching techniques and approaches to construct developmentally appropriate lessons for this age group. Frances implemented challenging inquiry based lessons incorporating a variety of strategies to reach all learners in her classroom. She effectively used technology to enhance her lessons. She realistically reflected upon her teaching role and was proactive in building and implementing new strategies for classroom management. Frances was organized, flexible and well prepared to meet any challenges she encountered in the classroom. She displayed an exceptional teacher presence in both how she presented herself and in developing integrated and active lessons.

Frances's desire to seek and learn new information, along with her love for teaching, will make her a contributing member to the teaching profession.

Sincerely,

  
Karen Gschwend  
Clinical Supervisor