Recommendation for Elyssa Conn

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Elyssa Conn for the MiT program at Evergreen. Elyssa worked at The Valley School in Seattle from 2018-21, and I worked with her from 2020-21. I am thrilled that Elyssa is pursuing a Master's in Teaching. She is a wonderful candidate for your program.

Elyssa worked as an assistant teacher in our PreK program. She clearly loves children, delighting in their antics and studying ways to capitalize on their natural playful tendencies in her teaching. She knows how to set clear boundaries that allow her students to have choices in their learning, fueled by their imaginations and passions. She is both firm and gentle, easily discerning what is called for in any given moment. Elyssa is committed to emergent curriculum, happily adjusting when her students' interests diverge from her plans. She is also committed to working for racial justice, and to finding ways to make big concepts like racial justice accessible to her young students.

Elyssa is already a very strong teacher, and I have no doubt that she will continue to flourish in your program. I highly recommend her.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you!
My best,
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