

Letter of Recommendation:

March 30, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Pearl Tottenham, who has been a co-curricular teacher and substitute in my classroom for the past two years. In my role as a classroom teacher, I have had the pleasure of witnessing Pearl's growth and development, both as a compassionate individual and as a creative collaborator.

Pearl possesses an exceptional level of creativity, particularly evident in their musical talents. They have demonstrated a unique ability to write songs with children that resonate with their peers and reflect their diverse experiences. This talent not only showcases their artistic abilities but also serves as a powerful tool for connection and expression within our classroom community.

Collaboration is one of Pearl's strongest attributes. They have consistently worked well with both children and adults, engaging effectively with students across a wide age range from 3 to 12 years old. Their efforts to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zone have been commendable, as they seek to understand and support children, particularly those with disabilities and sensory processing needs. Pearl's dedication to creating an inclusive environment is a testament to their strong understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Throughout their time in my classroom, Pearl has demonstrated a desire to reflect on their own biases and tendencies. This self-awareness is crucial in providing equitable learning opportunities for all students. Their commitment to understanding the experiences of others has not only enhanced their own learning but has also positively impacted those they teach.

In addition to their musical and collaborative skills, Pearl has developed significant classroom confidence and strong reflective skills. They engage thoughtfully in discussions and are always willing to listen and learn from others, fostering a supportive atmosphere for everyone.

I wholeheartedly recommend Pearl for admission to Evergreen College's Master's in Education Program. I am confident that they will bring the same creativity, compassion, and commitment to inclusivity to your institution as they have in our classroom. They are not only a talented individual but also a thoughtful and engaged member of our community.

Thank you for considering this exceptional candidate.

Sincerely,

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