

# BORNHAVA

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December 5, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this reference letter on behalf of Megan Brown. Megan did her student teaching placement in my classroom at Bornhava for 6 weeks during the fall semester of 2013. Bornhava is a specialized preschool, providing education and related services to children with special needs. During that time, Megan worked as a part of a teaching team in all aspects. She participated in team meetings, staff meetings and parent/team conferences, and had a lengthy opportunity to take over all classroom duties.

Megan has the ability to connect with the students by addressing their unique talents and specific needs. She is an energetic and a dedicated individual who cares deeply about the students in her care. The lessons she created to aide in accomplishing the student's individual goals were fun, age appropriate, creative, and kept the interest of each student in the classroom.

Based on the experience within my classroom, I am positive that Megan will be an outstanding teacher and any school would be lucky to have her on their team. Should you desire further information, please contact me at the number listed above.

Respectfully Submitted



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October 11, 2013

Re: Megan Brown

To Whom it May Concern:

I am happy to write this letter on behalf of Ms. Megan Brown. Ms. Brown was a student teacher in my building this Fall and she immediately stood out as a hard worker and a person who was dedicated to her craft. It is rare and refreshing to see a student teacher come into our building with the high level of dedication, knowledge, planning and instructional practice that Ms. Brown has exhibited during her time at Maryvale Primary School.

Ms. Brown invited me to formally observe her teaching a Common Core Math Module and I was impressed with the lesson from start to finish. The lesson was well-planned and the materials created by Ms. Brown were outstanding. I thought the students were cognitively engaged at a high level during this lesson, that they were given multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning and that overall, the concept was presented wonderfully for the students.

Ms. Brown has a bright future ahead of her in this field and I would highly recommend her to you with no reservations. Please feel free to contact me if I can assist you further or provide more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JD Angelo', written over a white background.

Joseph R. D'Angelo  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

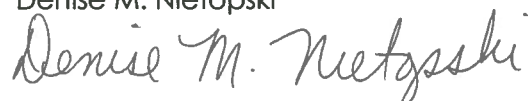
Megan Brown was my student teacher in my first grade classroom at Maryvale Primary School during the fall semester of the 2013-2014 school year. She came well prepared for her student teaching experience. Prior to her formal student teaching with me, she communicated with me via email throughout the summer and also met with me to discuss the first grade curriculum and our school policies and procedures. I looked forward to Megan coming each week and was confident in her ability to assume classroom responsibilities early on in her placement. Her enthusiasm and hard work was much appreciated and did not wane after she began her formal student teaching.

When she began her student teaching, it was immediately evident that Megan had a love for the profession and a genuine care and concern for the academic, emotional, and physical needs of all children. Her interactions with the children in the classroom were natural and appropriate. This was evident in all of her lessons as she differentiated her instruction to meet the needs of all students. She showed excitement about new materials and continually reflected on her teaching to improve instruction. She embraced the challenges of the First Grade Math Modules and adapted the materials and lessons utilizing the technology available in our classroom. Her lessons were well thought out and professional. Her attention to the interests of the students was woven throughout all of her lessons. Megan prepared for her instruction through professional reading and collaboration not only with me but with other colleagues. She asked for feedback on a daily basis and accepted constructive criticism with maturity and professionalism. She observed and questioned experienced teachers closely in order to improve her own teaching abilities.

Prior to the start of school, Megan established positive relationships not only with the students but their families as well by attending our supply drop off. It was very evident at this time her true care and concern for the students in our class. She quickly gained respect of the students not only through consistently implementing our classroom management system, but more importantly, showing interest in the students beyond the classroom. Megan was also very aware of the classroom schedule and effectively used time in the classroom.

In summary, Megan displayed the qualities that make a teacher successful. She is organized, hard working, dependable, and flexible. She works well with colleagues and is able to learn from those around her. She is a natural teacher. I highly recommend her for a teaching position and would be pleased to work alongside her if the opportunity arose.

Sincerely,  
Denise M. Nietopski



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