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December 10, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Jessica Costa. I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Costa during the fall semester of 2019 as a student teacher in a fourth grade classroom at Lake Forest Elementary School.

Ms. Costa creates intentional lessons and plans for every possible outcome from her students. She teaches her students to have a growth mindset and consistently gives positive feedback to her students. Students are asked questions to help them think critically and explain their thinking. Ms. Costa is always careful to provide opportunities for all students to experience success in her classroom. In the short time Ms. Costa has been in the classroom, she has built a great rapport with not only her students, but our Lake Forest Families and staff members. One of Ms. Costa's biggest strengths is that she strives daily to select a variety of teaching methods, materials, and procedures to ensure that all students succeed in her classroom.

Ms. Costa has created a safe learning environment for her students. The expectations in the classroom are high, but Ms. Costa ensures her students feel successful and have the supports in place to meet those expectations. She is a team player and always smiling and positive. She has had some very challenging students this year, and has had to handle some situations that would rattle even a veteran teacher. However, Ms. Costa remains calm and is not rattled.

It is obvious from my recommendations that I feel Jessica Costa would be an asset to any school's programs. I would be most pleased to provide more information regarding Ms. Costa's proficiencies. Feel free to call me at (949) 830 9945, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


Audra Bailey
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December 12, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Jessica Costa. Ms. Costa was my student teacher for the fall semester of 2019 in my fourth grade classroom at Lake Forest Elementary.

Ms. Costa designs motivating, creative learning tasks for students at all levels. While focusing on fourth grade standards, Ms. Costa sets high expectations for all students. She is masterful at scaffolding so all students can be successful. Ms. Costa successfully engaged and supported my diverse classroom of learners including 9 EL students, 6 students with I.E.P. goals in math and reading and 4 students with 504 plans.

Ms. Costa consistently maintained a positive learning environment and followed our schoolwide P.B.I.S. system for positive student behavior. She ensures that each student feels valued and important. Ms. Costa implemented our new social emotional learning curriculum, "Second Step" this fall.

Ms. Costa is extremely responsible and has a strong work ethic. She has excellent interpersonal communication skills which allow her to relate well to both students and staff. She will be able to adapt to any grade level and student population with ease. Her passion for students and teaching is evident every day in the classroom.

I am confident that Ms. Costa will be one of the best and brightest in our profession for many years to come. She will be a tremendous asset to any staff. I wish her much success as she begins her teaching career.

Sincerely,

Peggy Aungst
Mentor Teacher

January 31, 2019

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To whom it may concern:

I have been teaching kindergarten and first grade for the past 22 years with Tustin Unified School District. It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Jessica Costa. Ms. Costa was assigned my kindergarten class for her student teaching in 2018 from September through December.

Ms. Costa was well liked by students and made them feel immediately at ease by her warm genuine personality. Her positive attitude was contagious and certainly an asset in the classroom. She was kind, caring and supportive. At the same time, the students respected Ms. Costa and she was able to maintain good classroom management.

She successfully worked with my students in all capacities including individual, small, large and whole group activities. Ms. Costa crafted lessons, administered assessments and utilized the results to guide her instruction.

Ms. Costa is a very conscientious teacher and a great team player. She would be a delight to work with and well appreciated at any school.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorraine McGrane". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lorraine" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "McGrane".

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February 27, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Jessica Costa. I am a clinical coach for the Elementary Education Department at California State University Fullerton and Jessica was a Teacher Candidate under my supervision.

Jessica is a natural teacher. She is organized, prepared, efficient and professional throughout the classroom day. In working with students, Jessica shows a natural talent for creating an atmosphere where students are successful in their learning. She is exceptionally kind and caring towards her students and she allows them the freedom to shine. Student teaching allowed her to gain the knowledge needed to manage her own classroom efficiently and productively. The experience provided Jessica with a strong background on which to build her teaching career.

Jessica shows great potential to be a creative and inspiring teacher. Her natural teaching style creates a wonderful environment in which the students can learn and grow. There is always a positive feel in the classroom when Jessica is teaching. The students are learning, smiling and feeling confident due to her positive ways.

During student teaching, she observed and was actively involved in classroom management, procedures, grouping, and instruction. Jessica also benefited from co-planning and co-teaching training, which she was proactive about with her Mentor Teacher. She prepared lessons that were engaging and effective in various content areas. It was obvious that much thought and preparation went into her planning.

Jessica will be an excellent educator in your school district. She is professional, organized, knowledgeable, kind and enthusiastic about being a teacher. She seeks out learning and has maximized the opportunities in the credential program. She will add value to the classroom and to the school. I highly recommend her! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (714) 319-8046.

Sincerely,

Karen Dahler

California State University Clinical Coach

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