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To whom it may concern:

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Carson Cramer, currently a kindergarten teacher at Mamie Agnes Jones Elementary in Jacksonville, FL.

I have known Miss Cramer for 5 years while she has been employed with Mamie Agnes Jones Elementary, MissCramer was the kindergarten teacher for all three of my sons, ages 9, 8, and 6.

When Miss Cramer first came to our school, my oldest son was in his third week of kindergarten and was transferred to Miss Cramer's class. Making sure that she was the teacher I wanted my son to be with, I asked her a myriad of questions regarding her teaching style, experience, goals for the class, of which she had definitive answers for each of my questions. One of which I still remember, and share with others when I'm asked what to expect from a good kindergarten teacher. I told her the class my son was coming from, he was not being challenged in. Coming from preschool, he already knew the basics, what was her goal for him in her class. She said she wanted each student to be academically advanced by one year or more, depending on where they currently were, by the end of the school year. This was unlike other kindergarten teachers’ methodologies that I had been exposed to at that point. The standard was only focused on those who were lower in their testing scores, and not as much on others. Thrilled upon hearing her answer, we began our journey with Miss Cramer.

All of my children are honor roll students and love to learn, and I believe it's due to getting the foundation from Miss Cramer's teaching. Miss Cramer uses many home/school connections. One example of this was a phases of the moon project they each did where they had to look at the moon each night for two weeks, draw what they saw and write a sentence about it. My children loved all of us looking at the moon each night to see if it looked different that night. Another example is the student author night she had towards the end of the school year each year; the intent was to highlight the progress the students had made since the beginning of the school year. Each child felt special because they had one on one time with Miss Cramer, Mom, and Dad; all focusing on what they had written. They led the conference and picked the writing pieces they wanted to share. A lot of work went into this, both on Miss Cramer's part and the students. It paid off, my children love to write today because of the importance stressed on it by Miss Cramer.

Another teaching quality I would like to highlight of Miss Cramer's is teaching children to care for each other. She does this by example. Miss Cramer loves each child in her class. I never had to worry about dropping off my children in the mornings because I knew they were going to have a good day and be well taken care of. She also participates in all school extracurricular activities and PTO events, whether they apply to her grade or not, she is there, and participates fully, always being the last to leave and help where needed.

Miss Cramer is a rarity in today's society, she's caring, loyal, trustworthy, and strives towards excellence in all she does. I fully recommend her for any future endeavors she is involved in.

Sincerely,

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