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To whom it may concern,

Mindy De Graff has worked with our class for the last three years. This past year she teamed with us weekly from January through May. She incorporated her lessons around our unit of study, which was World War II. Mindy focused on the science standards of inquiry, observation, and hypothesis testing. One example was a project-based activity on the use of simple machines. Team building, communication within the group and active listening were stressed in each activity.

By combining artistic and literary works Mindy motivated students to expand their understanding of science and math concepts. We saw evidence of this in the student's daily work even when Mindy was not present. Students took that knowledge and applied those principles and processes in many content areas even outside the school environment.

As experienced educators we feel strongly that this program not only addresses standards, but also helps students with critical thinking skills.



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