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Laurie York has been a student teacher in my self-contained third grade classroom during practicum I of the CSUC credential program.

During her practicum I experience, Laurie drew upon her many talents and creative energy to successfully teach lessons in all curriculum areas. Her lessons were appropriate in concept, process, and pacing. She presented lessons in such a way that students were quickly motivated and students with particular needs were considered.

Laurie brought a great love of science to the classroom. She developed and presented a standards-based habitat unit. The unit progressed in a well-planned sequence and Laurie displayed excellent judgment and timing in assessing students' understanding of the concepts and ideas before moving on to the next level lesson. She used student work to make an attractive and informative bulletin board for classroom display.

She shared her extensive knowledge of technology by instructing small student groups in the computer lab, using a variety of grade appropriate software, and by sharing professional websites and techniques with less computer savvy teachers.

In reading, whether with small groups or whole class, Laurie presented her readers with challenging activities and extensions and was highly successful in increasing the group's motivation and performance. Laurie also implemented math, and social studies units using both cooperative learning strategies and whole class instruction.

There were several students in class this year whose behavior on any given day was unpredictable at best. They would be challenging and difficult for the most experienced teacher. Laurie received great experience in dealing with these special needs students and discovered that what works one week in behavior management may not work the next. She was a great asset to me in being creative with ideas to keep these students as focused and productive as possible.

During her time with me, I was impressed with Laurie's commitment to becoming an excellent teacher. She is open and willing to learn new strategies and techniques. Her enthusiasm for learning and love of children blend to create a classroom environment that is stimulating and fosters positive peer relations. Her high standards and dedication will be a strong asset to any faculty. I highly recommend her to the teaching profession.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Shockley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Amy Shockley