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Reference Eurydice Prentoulis


As School Principal, I have known Eurydice Prentoulis for the past six years, since her start at our large school community in 2010. In this time, she has been a loyal and dedicated teacher of English to hundreds of children attending this school. The children she has taught were mostly from the first through the fifth grade, but she has also taught English to students from the Middle School as well.

Eurydice's instruction style shows a great amount of dedication and planning. Her classes are taught in the target language. She can play the guitar and engages children with her clear voice and fun songs, which are part of the many class performances she has staged. She has a dynamic personality and a natural interest in children. Her ability to inspire, engage and earn their respect is due to her energetic and playful personality, and also her creativity, which is present in every lesson. It is clear that Eurydice spends long hours preparing her lessons, which include a variety of disciplines and topics, as well as themes and materials influenced or directly taken from Montessori pedagogy. Her lessons include activities, songs, and even performances that not only promote the learning of every day life, but also included topics as diverse as Earth History, Biology, Geometry, World History, Art History and many others. Through music, performance practice and her fertile imagination, she has been able to successfully teach many children concepts that inspire their curiosity and invite them to be better learners in all areas of school and beyond.

Eurydice is a cooperative member of our school team, and she devoted to ongoing collaboration with other teachers, particularly with the Montessori section of our school. She has worked closely with five teachers, whose lessons she converted into English, thus reinforcing, adding and enriching the learning experience of the children in those classes. She holds the children accountable to their progress through their engagement in her classes, and through frequent meetings with teachers for lesson collaboration. Although she is a native speaker of English, her knowledge of Czech is very good, and this has also been an advantage, not for the children, but for their teachers, who work with Evie, in planning and in discussing the needs of individual children. Eurydice is gifted in many languages, and has been heard speaking with children in languages other than English, as well.

It will be hard to find again such an imaginative teacher as passionate in her motivation to motivate our students in English and in their general learning. They will miss her dearly. We will all regret her moving on, and support her in all her future teaching engagements.

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Headmaster of school

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have worked with Eurydice Prentoulis, otherwise known as Evie, since September of 2010 until the present day. I am Department Head of English at Dlouhý Lan Elementary School, and like Evie, my main responsibilities include teaching a variety of levels of English to children of many backgrounds, learning styles and personalities.

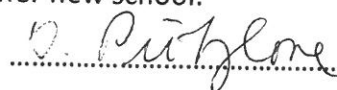
Evie is a teacher who understands the importance of capturing the childrens imagination and attention, and keeping them focused at all times. On my frequent visits to her classroom I observed children, including those for whom English is very new, all taking part in her lessons, and very happy to be in her class. Children love her and even the most recalcitrant will be heard singing loudly or cooperating as part of a small theatrical group in some spontaneous or planned performance. Even children who she has never taught are attracted to her classroom to spend time with her and learn English and Anglophone culture.

Evies personal and education background is very diverse. She communicates in a American English but also knows the British spelling system as well, having spent her childhood in the United Kingdom as well as the United States, and she is very capable in the difficult Czech language as well. Having dual citizenship (Greek and American) and hearing her speaking with some children in French, Spanish, German and Turkish, and she makes it clear that she is passionate about sharing her multicultural approach to life with her young learners. Evie does not limit her influence and teaching to the English language or to English speaking culture. She takes great care to teach the children about the entire world, and children as young as six years old are eager to show many countries and continents on her big world map, and can name all the places in English, and say something about each place. She has taught them about many famous people through her delightful collection of dolls, gets the children to get into character and give life to the dolls in the plays which she and they co-create. Because of her patience, imagination, empathy and inclination to children, she has inspired them to take risks, speak English even with mistakes, and most of all, enjoy the learning process and be proud of themselves. Her lessons are consistently rich in terms of the classroom preparation, materials used and her spoken approach to the lesson. Children love her and believe that they are there to play in English, rather than to work, because her lessons are entertaining and child-centered.

Evie is naturally empathetic and people-oriented and she is also good in her communication and relationship with the parents of her students.

I have greatly enjoyed working with Evie and wish her well in her new school.

In Prague, 30.6. 2016



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Vážená paní/pane,

jmenuji se Nikola Uhdeová a jsem matka dvou synů ve věku 5 a 7 let. S manželem a dětmi bydlíme v Přezleticích u Prahy.

Dlouho jsme hledali někoho, kdo bude naše děti učit anglicky. Manžel pracuje v advokátní kanceláři a od kolegy ze Spojených států dostal referenci na slečnu Eurydicii Prentoulis. Nyní je to již třetí rok, co k nám Euridicie chodí pravidelně 2x týdně vždy na 2 hodiny a to v úterý a ve čtvrtek.

Děti ji mají moc rády a vždy se těší. Krásně s nimi maluje, tvoří z modelíny, hraje na kytaru a zpívá. Za odměnu jim někdy zahraje divadlo. Umí zaujmout a má neuvěřitelnou fantazii.

Budeme nesmírně rádi, pokud Euridicie zůstane pracovat v Praze a bude nadále naše děti rozvíjet. Určitě se pro práci s dětmi hodí.

Pokud budete mít jakýkoliv dotaz, neváhejte se na mne obrátit.

Děkuji

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