

*East Ramapo Central School District
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To Whom it May Concern,

It is a rare occasion to be able to write a recommendation for someone as wonderful as Olivia Santoro. Olivia was my student teacher for the fall session in the 2017/18 school year. She was the type of student teacher a school was lucky to have.

Olivia would come in early each morning and always be ready to take on any task that was asked of her. Olivia immediately began to interact with the students and make each child feel very special. The students became very attached to Olivia and treated her with the same respect they gave me. Olivia was able to take control of the classroom right from the beginning. On various occasions, when I was out, Olivia handled the class on her own without any difficulty.

On Olivia's own time, she would develop lessons and plan hands-on activities for the students. Each lesson had visuals and she always used technology when conducting her lessons. She was able to engage all 31 students and even try to meet the needs of the 14 students that were just learning to speak English. For example, Olivia planned a math unit, focusing on fractions and percent. During her time in my class, Olivia began taking over the 6th grade curriculum and familiarizing herself with the ELA and math modules used by New York State. The students were always actively involved and excited to learn through higher level thinking activities. Olivia always provided the students with lessons where each student could be successful. Olivia was eager to jump in throughout the school day and assist anyone who needed extra support as well.

I feel any school would be quite lucky to have a teacher like Olivia on staff. She is a team player and she has wonderful/creative ideas. I want to congratulate Olivia on an incredible student teaching experience. She will really be missed!

Sincerely,
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