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To whom it may concern,

It is my honor to nominate Miss Loveena Winkelkotter for the Weber School District First Year Teacher Award.

If you were to observe Miss Winkelkotter, you would never believe that she is a first-year teacher. Her ability to provide quality instruction while meeting the needs of all of her students is astounding. She demonstrates high rates of student engagement and the ideal positive to corrective ratio. But that's not the only thing that is amazing about her. The pace at which she teaches is brisk. She is acknowledging student's feelings and providing them with social/emotional support during her Tier 1 lessons! It's just magical to watch.

Miss Winkelkotter has the natural gift of Teacher Awareness. Her attention can be split into several different directions while she teaches, yet she still teaches an amazing lesson. She always has some kind of group contingency reinforcer on her board that is simple, quick, and cheap for her to implement. For example, during January it was a scarf. Students earned sections of the scarf colored in based on their collective behavior. She is a master (already) at using her attention as a reinforcer. Students quickly react to any positive attention she gives them. If there is a student engaging in a negative behavior, she quickly gives them a redirection and continues with the pace of her lesson. (Again, just magical.)

I was able to attend one of Miss Winkelkotter's Parent Teacher Conferences. This student was very concerning and she needed to relay her intense concerns to the parent. She took a very difficult situation and communicated it very objectively. I felt like I was watching a teacher who had been in several years' worth of PTC, yet she is a first-year teacher.

Miss Winkelkotter's students KNOW that she cares about them. The relationship she has built with them allows her to teach academic and social lessons to students who are eager to learn from her!

Sincerely,

Jared Abney
Principal
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