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To whom it may concern,

I am happy to nominate Tracy Woodward for the I Love Teaching Award. Tracy teaches first grade at Valley View Elementary School. Tracy Woodward is an excellent and passionate teacher who is constantly seeking new ways to engage students and help them progress and reach their potential.

I've been fortunate to work with Tracy this school year as well as have two of my daughter's in her class. Tracy is an expert at personalizing her instruction and utilizing paraprofessionals and volunteers that come her way. Unable to have volunteers in her class this year she has eagerly sought the help of any staff member or substitute who has an extra minute to work with students in her class with students on specific skills. Tracy was recently recognized for her hard work by our reading specialist and subsequently by Christy Wagner in an email out to all principals and reading specialist's for the growth her students have achieved from the beginning of year DIBELs assessment to the middle of year DIBELs assessment.

It has been fun to see Tracy's energy and enthusiasm with the students. She has had fun with room transformations, creating exciting lessons with real world application, and engaging themed activities like her Christmas around the world unit. Even with the extra burden of new programs, virtual instruction, COVID restrictions, and having large student achievement gaps this school year Tracy has only been a positive force at Valley View.

Tracy is a true life-long learner. She seeks out best practices, teaching strategies, resources and tools and is happy to share with anyone and everyone what she finds to be successful. Always seeking out a better way. She is also a master of creating partnerships with parents/guardians, establishing expectations, engaging with families and providing feedback. She regularly communicates with parents via text messaging, phone calls, & emails.

As you can see, Tracy Woodward is an important and loved member of our staff at Valley View Elementary and in Weber School District. I highly recommend Tracy for this honor. If you have further questions please contact me.

Respectfully,

Phil Nestoryak Principal





