



American International School-Chennai

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Letter of Reference: Melissa Enderle

To whom it may concern:

I have known Melissa Enderle since July 2008 when she joined the faculty at American International School, Chennai, India as the IT integrator for elementary school. As a 4th grade homeroom teacher, I have had ample opportunity to observe and interact with Melissa and it is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for her.

Over the past four years I have much to be indebted to Melissa for in terms of integrating technology into my instruction. She encouraged and motivated me and helped me build enough self-confidence to deliver my instruction using technology tools. Her patience with students and teachers alike is encouraging and motivating. She is a firm believer in 'try it yourself', and scaffolds independent learning both for the teachers as well as students. Her gentle demeanour and patience has helped many teachers and students' overcome hesitancy to integrate technology skills to enrich and enhance their work.

Today I can confidently say I have taken quite a few steps forward to bring technology into my classroom. Melissa has shown me the gateway to supplement my teaching instruction for differentiation by using the Notebook Software. She has trained many teachers how to use this software effectively. Melissa helped me overcome my fears to set up a class blog. In fact, she even encouraged me to collaborate with a colleague and present, "Blogging in the Classroom," on a PD day.

My students have immensely benefited from Melissa's expertise. She has suggested many modes for project - based learning by introducing us to different programmes. In fact, today I can proudly say that my fourth graders are prepared global learners of the 21 century. Each year my students' parents appreciate the many opportunities I provide them to integrate technology. This would not have been possible if not for Melissa.

Melissa is an accomplished and articulate member of the AISC faculty and has been the key driving force for IT integration. She is a thorough professional who believes in a collaborative teaching and learning environment. She actively seeks out research and resources to aid and facilitate the curriculum being delivered in a holistic manner and demonstrates a keen sense for differentiating instruction in the classroom by suggesting multiple tools and formats of presentation for student learning.

Since Melissa joined the AISC community, she has strived for success when working with both students and faculty and been a valuable source of information and support. Her weekly links and tips have proved to be invaluable to teachers, when planning lessons and assessments. This is also



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true of the weekly technology sessions Melissa provides for the faculty. During these sessions, Melissa is always well prepared and highlights practical ways to integrate a tool in the classroom. She ensures that we have concrete examples to model and at the same time encourages us to be creative in our use of technology for teaching and learning. Melissa's support continues throughout the process and she makes her self available to support both teachers and students as they incorporate and implement new skills.

It is a pleasure working with Melissa. She is a significant member of the AISC community both as a colleague and technology integrator. Her experience in the field of technology coupled with her professional attitude and self -motivation makes her indispensable. Melissa has been a positive feature to our learning community as she understands and advocates the essential role technology plays in teaching and learning. She firmly believes that technology is an essential skill students must master to be successful in the 21st century.

I highly recommend Melissa as her commitment, dedication, work ethics, and knowledge are an asset to any educational organization.

I will be pleased to provide any further information upon request. I may be contacted via email or on phone

Sincerely,

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