

Tuesday, January 27, 2004

Dear Rachael,

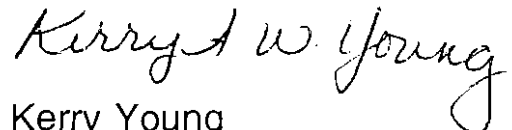
Thank you again for the wonderful show that you put on last week here at Valley View Elementary. The children really loved it. It fit so well with this month's character focus on kindness.

As a teacher, I appreciate funny and energetic presentations as much as my students do. Getting the kids involved in the show is a great way to help them have fun and to give your message more meaning. They are always better able to remember things when they have had a chance to be really involved in it. Our class loves singing and we do play games and dance occasionally too so your presentation was like an extension of some of the learning that we do in our classroom.

My class was very excited when you stopped by to answer questions and to talk with them. They felt very honored that a "star" would come to see them. I appreciate the time you took to answer their questions and the encouragement you gave them when they all wanted to share their cartoon voices and personal stories with you.

Good luck to you in your future performances. I hope that we will see you back here at Valley View sometime soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerry Young".

Kerry Young
3rd Grade Teacher
Valley View Elementary
Bloomington, MN

Thursday, January 22, 2004

Dear Rachael,

We really enjoyed your show about kindness! We would like to say thank you for showing us how to be kind to other people. Your show was funny and exciting.

We learned that we can be kind in many ways. We can show kindness by including people, hugging people, helping people, and being friends with people. When someone is feeling bad we can give them a smile, a hug, a pat on the back, or a peace sign.

We should include people in our games, help people find something that they lost, and make sure people don't feel sad. We want to teach people about kindness too.

Your show was cool because we got to play instruments, hold signs, sing, and make a rain storm. There were a lot of funny things. We liked your voices and when you balanced the broom on your nose. It was also funny when the teachers were singing and dancing. We were really glad to be included in the show.

Thank you so much for coming to our school. We also really liked it when you came to see us in our classroom after the show. That was really special! We hope that we can see you again!

Chris

Kiriana

Patricia ♥

Natalie

Vanessa

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Sincerely,
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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you on behalf of an excellent resource we've been fortunate to have experienced over the past two years. Rachael Kroog, entertainer extraordinaire, was able to move our diverse group of students on a roller coaster of emotions and understanding. She worked with two large groups of students referencing kindness, goal setting, and working together despite differences. These sessions were only 45 minutes in length, but were jam-packed with energy, music, thoughtfulness and messages.

Glacier Hills Elementary School in Eagan houses 550 students in grades K-5. We have four center-based special education programs with students who are mentally and physically delayed or impaired. We have a poverty rate of 38 % and our ethnic diversity is 37%. We have a large number of turn over of students during the year that impacts our ability to create a stable, nurturing community of learners. Rachael was able to give our students some hope and guidance during her performance because she found a way to connect with the audience. She was given some additional instruction for our group of fifth graders just that morning and was able to be flexible and create a wonderful opportunity for their enhanced learning into kindness and support for others. Her repertoire of skills and talents are amazing, but she used them to empower others, not just to showcase.

My purpose for sharing this is to ensure that Rachael Kroog will have the opportunity to reach other students in the way she inspired ours. She was able to encourage through words, music, laughter and song our diverse group of students. She was delightful to work with and was so flexible in listening to our needs and turning it into action. I would encourage you to use this resource to its fullest potential. We feel fortunate to have experienced Rachael.

Sincerely,


Tami Schultz
Instructional Assistant



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