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Dear recipient,

I am a seventh grader at Silvestri Junior High School. The teachers here cooperate with their students and teach us what is required, but there is one teacher in particular that stands out from the rest and teaches more than the standard curriculum. Ms. Knatz, a seventh grade English teacher who has been working at Silvestri for 3 years, goes beyond what's in the textbooks. She motivates us to learn by creating fun activities and intriguing projects relating to both English and the real world. She makes her students feel comfortable in her classroom by telling us stories and creating connections with us. Ms. Knatz makes sure that each and every one of her students know the subject matter that she teaches us, and although her class is fun, she enforces her rules in the classroom to keep everyone safe. All in all, Ms. Knatz is my favorite teacher at SJHS because she makes learning interesting, connects with us, and guarantees success for each and every one of her students.

First of all, Ms. Knatz creates a fun learning environment. For instance, she created a "WhoDunIt?" grammar and language arts activity. It had clues that were scattered around the classroom in various hiding places such as behind posters, in textbooks, and in other unique spots. Everyone had a fun time with this assignment because it allowed us to look for hidden clues like real detectives and cooperate with each other to find them. Moreover, we do an activity called *First Chapter Friday* every Friday. During this activity, we listen to Ms. Knatz read the first chapter of a new book, or we listen to the first episode of a new podcast. It's always exciting for us to listen to debates, learn the accounts of people in historical events, and dive into the exciting plot of a mystery novel. We get to listen to a diverse range of concepts and ideas, and everyone always looks forward to *FCF*. In addition, in class, we sometimes go into teams and play an educational version of *Jeopardy*. Everyone is always determined and driven to win, so we are more motivated to learn and put our knowledge to the test against others. All of the students love to cooperate with each other to build up their team which, in turn, leads to a great experience and a supportive community. Ultimately, Ms. Knatz inspires us to learn and think critically by making amusing activities relating to the lessons that we are learning.

Secondly, Ms. Knatz has more than a typical teacher-student relationship with us. She makes an effort to step out of her role as a teacher to comfort us, and she supports us no matter what. As proof, in class, she always tells us funny stories and jokes. She invites us as a part of her life, and because of it, her students are able to enjoy her class. This exhibits how Ms. Knatz brightens our day when we're upset or

discouraged by telling us about her life and welcoming us with her fun personality. Furthermore, because Ms. Knatz cares for us, she tries to make our workload less stressful. By balancing the learning standards and notes we take with fun learning activities, we are able to learn without being anxious. As a result, her students have looked forward to arriving at her class. This shows how she always makes sure that we are not burnt out. This supports the idea that she has an unwavering support of her students, despite the challenges that come with being a teacher. In short, Ms. Knatz has always had a personal connection with her students and has proven to prioritize their emotional and mental necessities.

Lastly, Ms. Knatz does her best to secure a bright future for her students by implementing rules in her class and ensuring that every kid learns what she is teaching. For instance, in the third quarter, nobody in our class of forty students failed. This instance displays how Ms. Knatz is an incredible, efficient teacher who guarantees success for every student she teaches as shown by the results aforementioned. Moreover, one of the many stations that have been offered at *FCF* is one where you have a one-on-one session with Ms. Knatz if you feel like you need to review an ELA concept or grasp a better understanding of it. This shows how Ms. Knatz doesn't just tell us the learning material provided, rather, she actually teaches it. She makes sure that each and every one of her students understand the material we are learning. Simultaneously, Ms. Knatz has rules in place to keep us safe. For example, she doesn't tolerate bullying, yelling, or running around the classroom. This establishes how Ms. Knatz keeps us safe mentally and physically because she cares about our health and success. By doing this, she is able to teach in a fun way while not allowing anyone to hurt themselves or others. In the end, Ms. Knatz puts her students' wellbeings and learning involvement before anything else, and sequentially, her students are able to be prepared for the future.

To conclude, Ms. Knatz has shown to excel as a teacher. She has always put her students first by teaching us in an engaging way, bonding with us, and ensuring safety and success inside and outside of her classroom. As you can see, out of the hundreds of middle school teachers in the Clark County School District, Ms. Knatz stands out not only as a great teacher, but an incredible role model for her students and colleagues.

Cordially,

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