

CHARTIERS VALLEY

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure for me to write this letter of recommendation for Author Susan Castriota.

On March 8, 2013 we invited Ms. Susan Castriota and her dog Wilson to our school to learn about being an author and writing a book. Susan hosted three assembly programs for our students as a part of our Reading Week Celebration. During each assembly program there were between 12 and 14 classes of students in grades kindergarten through second grade.

Even though the groups were very large, I was amazed at how well she was able to keep all of our students attentive throughout the 40 minute presentation. Susan related well to the young students, and delivered the information in a very developmentally appropriate manner. Through the use of a projector, she read to the students her book, "Wilson Won't Be Bullied". The topic of this book fit in nicely with our Olweus curriculum on Bully Prevention.

Susan's dog Wilson was the star in the book and assembly program. He was dressed in character and he mesmerized the students. Wilson was very well behaved and mannerly with all adults and students who attended the programs.

In addition to the reading of the book, Ms. Castriota spent ample time with the students answering questions from various students about the writing process, illustrations, and interactions with Wilson. After reading the book, Susan drew several pictures from the book for the students. She autographed the pictures and left them at the school for the students to enjoy. She also took extra time to take photographs with everyone. Furthermore, the students were provided an opportunity to purchase books from her in advance of the program. Susan saved our staff time by graciously organizing and packaging the purchased books in a friendly puppy bag on her own.

I am happy to recommend Author Susan Castirotta and her dog Wilson for any assembly program that you may be interested in scheduling. I feel that it would be appropriate for a wide range of student grades and ages. The assembly was entertaining and very informative for all. Please feel free to contact me personally if you would like any additional information about our wonderful experience.

Sincerely,



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Principal