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### Student Teacher Observation

Student Teacher: **Alyssa Benedetti**

School: Pere Gabriel Richard Elementary, Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Teacher: Yvette Vctor      Grade: 1

Date and time: October 18, 9:00

Lesson: Autumn Leaves

Observer: Dr. Michael Magarrey

#### Planning:

Your lesson is well organized with clear grade level expectations. You have translated those expectations into achievable objectives.

The topic of this lesson is complex. You have broken it down into manageable steps for your students.

#### Lesson delivery:

Nice start to the class. You settled students quickly and moved them to the carpet with a minimum of disruption.

Good process for taking attendance – kids were involved.

You model excellent reading skills for your students. You also do a good job of explaining some of the concepts in the story that may confuse students.

Good job of reviewing hard words or concepts. (chlorophyll)

Nice to ask the question “what is your favorite season?” – their responses helped engage them.

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Good idea to model the project before students began. You set high standards for the students to follow.

By reviewing the rules for paints in advance you minimize the chance of mishaps. Kids gave great answers!

#### Student interactions:

You are effective at welcoming students to the class and showing an interest in individuals.

You did a nice job of assigning paper passers before they left the circle.

Good idea to repeat the instructions a number of times – in doing so you kept kids focused on the task.

#### Student management:

You have excellent routines and are able to keep students focused without using negatives.

#### Conclusions:

Nice class! You used the story to bring out student knowledge of the process of leaf changing. Kids were interested and on task.

Your enthusiasm is an important part of your ability to motivate students. By the time they started the project they were eager.

#### Suggestions:

When kids give answers be sure to praise their answers. Um hm is neutral praise.

Try to keep a balance between allowing kids to shout out answers and maintaining quiet. Don't respond to shouting out.

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