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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the SocialSmarts program from The PoliteChild. At Lincoln Elementary, in El Dorado Kansas, we have implemented this program during the 2010-2011 school year through partnership with our local Rotary Club.

The SocialSmarts program has provided a consistent curriculum for our students to improve upon their social skills. As in all curricular areas, we have mapped the units and lessons so that we could insure a similar rate of instruction from one classroom to another. This has allowed a common vocabulary to emerge at Lincoln Elementary. Through the use of the program, students have been able to discuss the terms and concepts in the program and develop an understanding of them.

The time required to instruct the program is negligible and has not taken away from our academic goals. In fact, improved social skills have likely improved our ability to reach them. The resources included with the program provide classroom teachers with base instruction as well as extensions. The staff at Lincoln is very supportive of the program. The program has been met with such success as a pilot in our building that we have adopted it district-wide for all grade 3-5 classrooms next year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions about the resources or ease of implementation of SocialSmarts. We are confident it is making a positive difference for our students.

Sincerely,

Miles D. Harvey, Principal
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