

St. John Neumann Catholic School
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To whom it may concern:

It is with pleasure that I recommend to you Mrs. Alina Trueba and her program, Door to the Arts. Mrs. Trueba has worked diligently to offer our students after- school experiences in the arts that complement the program we have in place during the school day. I am especially grateful for Mrs. Trueba's professionalism as well as her knowledge of the special needs of Catholic education in putting together her program. I have been able to work with her to tailor the program to our school needs. We have worked together in a spirit of collaboration and respect.

The Door to the Arts program has afforded our students the ability to express themselves beyond the classroom. Many of our early childhood and elementary students are participating in the ballet program. The program focuses on the true art of ballet. The children joyfully partake in the classes, learning the vocabulary, positions and techniques. Numerous middle school children are participating in the Social Skills and Interactions program. The children's self-awareness has been heightened through this experience. Parents are constantly sharing their satisfaction with the etiquette classes and the positive effects that spill over into the home life. It is obvious how much confidence the children build as they progress through these programs. Through Door to the Arts program, we see the children engaged, challenged, and truly enjoying themselves. Their happiness is a testament to the value of these offerings.

Mrs. Trueba understands our educational mission and ensures that her programs support and enhance that mission. As a mother of children attending Catholic school, she understands the value of Catholic education and reinforces those values throughout her programs. She is polite, hardworking, and compassionate. Mrs. Trueba is extremely cooperative and always remains sensitive to our needs and those of our students.

It is a pleasure to work with Mrs. Trueba and the Door to the Arts program is a true asset to our school families. I am sure you will find the Door to the Arts program to be a great addition to your educational programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Elena Vilas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maria Elena Vilas
Principal