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Letter of Reference for Mr. Chris K. Soentpiet

We were pleased to invite Mr. Soentpiet to our elementary school on September 29, 1997 to give presentations about writing and illustrating children's books. He gave excellent presentations to our 400 students ranging from preschool to fifth grade. He sketched, demonstrated face painting, showed slides about his artistic methods and answered many student questions.

Teacher comments from that day included:

"Chris did an outstanding job relating his profession, but also (related) his love for it to the students."

"Very worthwhile for the preschool children. He was really in-tune with the small children."

"We used his ideas of authoring, drawing and painting in my kindergarten class."

"His tips for the children in the fifth grade, as they get into drawing, were great."

"His attention to detail was a wonderful model for the fifth grade students."

In all, Chris' visit was a great success for us. It was professionally managed, skillfully presented, demonstrated much sensitivity to the interests of a wide range of elementary students and met with high degree of approval of our teachers. I am pleased to recommend Chris Soentpiet's presentation to elementary students.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Logan  
Head Librarian