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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my sincere pleasure to write this letter on behalf of Mrs. Ashley Bouknight. Recently I took a group of students and parents from John Early Museum Magnet Middle Prep and Robert Church Museum Magnet Elementary School to the Hermitage for a tour. We had the pleasure of Mrs. Bouknight as the Museum Professional to accompany our group and provide information (actually teach our parents and students) about the Hermitage and its rich history.

The experience was incredible. Ashley was engaging and informative. She had the children as well as the adults eating out of her hands throughout the entire tour. Her time spent with us was a mixture of historical facts, amusing stories, thought provoking discussions, demonstrations, questions and answers, as well as allowing our group to draw conclusions and make inferences. I have been a teacher in MNPS for over 38 years and I have never participated in a more professionally run activity. We had a little over two hours of educational fun! The parents were so engaged that they spent the bus ride home recanting the information that they learned and adding their own little spins to the stories and asking, "When are we coming back?"

Ashley's command of the subject matter, interaction with students and parents and group discussion was in a manner consistent with an experienced teacher. It was a great experience and I have no problem singing her praises as a Curator and educator!

Regards,

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