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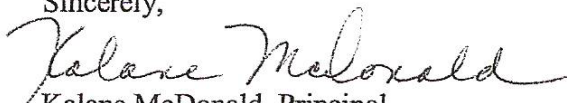
To Whom It May Concern:

Today our elementary students were treated to a special assembly program featuring Claire, a border collie, and her owner/trainer Cecilia Saleme. Cecilia talked with the children about the importance of understanding the relationship between a dog and a child. She has developed some catchy rhymes to help the students remember safety tips, such as, "If the dog has a bone, leave him alone." The students had fun chanting these safety tips with Cecilia. At the conclusion of the program, each student received a paper with these safety tips, so that they could repeat them at home.

Cecilia also incorporates a few charming puppet characters into her presentation to hold the attention of young students. She engages the students' interest through interactive questions and answers. The highlight for the students comes at the end of the program when each child is able to gently approach Claire and pet her appropriately on her neck. The children loved this finale as they filed out of the auditorium and returned to their classrooms, all the wiser about their knowledge of interactions with dogs.

I highly recommend this program for elementary age students.

Sincerely,


Kalane McDonald, Principal