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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Lisa Facciponti was an artist-in-residence from April 1 - 19, 2004, at the Choconut Valley Elementary School in the Montrose Area School District. While at the school, Lisa worked exclusively with the sixth grade English classes, although her work was closely coordinated with the Social Studies curriculum and met many Pennsylvania Standards of Education. Her classes were all inclusive - regular education students, gifted students, and learning support students.

Lisa's primary concentration was story telling, centering on the Inca, Aztec, and Mayan cultures. She had all the students actively involved and, more importantly, interested and thirsty for more. The students individually read many folktales of each culture and then learned how to convey the story through oral presentation. This included learning how the voice, through its tone and modulation, adds to the story and heightens the interest level of the viewers. The use of body language and facial expression was also addressed. The students then presented the folktales to the other grade levels in the building. Her story telling techniques were fascinating and spellbinding, as was her ability to compare and contrast cultures.

In addition to her stories, Lisa offered personal pictures and taught games and songs which allowed all the students to learn about the cultures through a fun and relaxing manner. Clothing worn by the cultures was shown, explained, and ultimately modeled by some of the classmates. This allowed Lisa to show how many of the customs of a long time ago are still being used today.

The students learned so much and so did their teacher! I highly recommend Lisa Facciponti!

Mary Eddy