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To Whom It May Concern:

Everyday Leadership has made an impact on Jefferson students. We've watched over the semester as many of them have incorporated the lessons into their lives. I've watched as all of the students have grown in different ways. We have two brothers who recently moved here from Congo. They tend to sit away from the others during the whole group lessons, but join in when we have teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership activities. Another student has also been noticed in small group math. Earlier in the year, she was very down on herself concerning what she would be able to do in math and reluctant to try. She has since gained a new confidence, where she is recognizing that she can do it, that it is worth working out the difficult problems, and that she can enjoy math when she doesn't give up.

The typical leaders in our school have also benefited from the program. They have learned how to be less dominating and listen to each other to solve complex problems. They have developed empathy for other students and try to help each other and the younger students.

All those who joined Everyday Leadership have grown, and the benefit of this program cannot be overstated.

Sincerely,

Joan Bigelow
Principal, Jefferson Elementary

... *In their own words*