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To Whom It May Concern,

Miss Erica Varites is the best teacher a student could have. She teaches us lessons by throwing in things kids would enjoy, for example, this week she taught us persuasive writing using an OREO graphic organizer, and passed out Oreo cookies! O is for Opinion, R is for Reasons, E is for Explain and the final O is to state your Opinion again.

She teaches us and has fun with us at the same time. Everyone that I know at Brookside Elementary loves her almost as much as I do! She makes sure everyone in the fifth grade understands the lessons *by asking, because she goes the extra mile to make sure we do well. She even gives us a reward for turning in our agendas because she's just that thoughtful.*

That's why Miss Varites should be honored for Teacher Appreciation Week! She inspires me by being kind and not very self-absorbed. She makes me love learning by the way she teaches. All the fifth grade teachers are awesome but I was lucky to get Miss Varites. She shows me the American dream by caring for me and my future, she's like a second mom and school is like a second home! I know I can come to her about anything and everything. And she doesn't just care about kids in her class, she cares about all kids. She tries to be respectful of us just as we are to her. And she tries to take us on lots of field trips to make classes interesting. One of my favorite classes is social studies because of her because we go on lots of field trips and she makes it interesting. She also encourages me by telling us to reach for the stars, if we want to be a doctor, or a lawyer or even a cop! I take her opinion to heart. I look up to her, and I hope she continues to inspire kids just like me.

Sincerely,

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