

Dear Mrs. Itami,

I loved your class in first grade. It is the best class I ever had and probably ever will have. You were always encouraging me to expand my mind. You let me explore and invent. My life would be drastically different if I hadn't had you as my 1st grade teacher.

I remember that the kids in the older grades were making haunted houses. I wanted to make one like the older kids, so you let me stay in to work on it during recess. I was so proud of my haunted house that I felt sorry for it. It was weak and limp. I had tried to add pillars, but they didn't help. In the end it was a disaster, but I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to try.

Although I got most of my interest in space in preschool, you got me interested in computers, math, and science by making me feel smart enough to do well in those subjects. Thank you for inspiring me to become the person I am today.

Your former student,
Jeremiah Hankins

