

My son is a fifth-grade student at **Squires Elementary**. He is special needs and loves to play the drums. Since he is unable to read independently, I didn't think it would be possible for him to be a part of the band. **Allison Culbertson** (his resource teacher) and **Lois Wiggins** (his band director) made this possible by making whatever accommodations were necessary. I visited band practice the other day and was so excited to see him playing with his peers and practicing for their winter concert. Ms. Wiggins plays the beat on her drum sticks for him while he follows her on his drums. She does all this while continuing to lead the other students. It was wonderful as a parent to see the time and care Ms. Wiggins has invested to make sure my son is a part of his fifth-grade band. I am grateful to Ms. Culbertson for making sure Ms. Wiggins was aware of everything he needs to be a success in band and a success at Squires. Thanks to these two very special teachers who have gone above and beyond to make sure my son is able to soar and reach his dreams!

-- Submitted by a grateful parent