


Dear Mrs. Lindaman,

As a fellow educator, I am aware that positive feedback is most appreciated and not heard enough; therefore, I felt compelled to write this letter. My daughter, Kate, started the school year at Lakeland in mid-September. After a somewhat traumatic experience at a local church based preschool, I did not feel confident that my feisty yet clingy two year old was ready for any sort of "school." I had visited the Montessori Academy's main campus over the previous summer, as I felt certain that I wanted Kate to attend a Montessori school at age three. When her first school experience failed miserably, I showed up at Lakeland's door with hope in my heart that someone there would be able to give my daughter the firm yet loving educational environment she needed. You were so kind as to let us observe class that day and were willing to let Mrs. Megan give it a go. I do not think any of us believed that the screaming, terrified child I dropped off that first day would ever make it beyond a couple days.

I write this letter to thank you for giving her a chance, as well as to sing the praises of Mrs. Megan. As a first time mother, it was gut-wrenching to leave my crying child in the hands of a virtual stranger. However, Mrs. Megan's confidence and professionalism gave me the strength I needed and provided Kate with the security she needed to be successful in this school. I realize that Kate still has work to do in becoming more of a leader in the classroom, but I am beyond grateful for Megan's patience, confidence, and natural knowledge of how to relate to children. She has given me countless ideas for discipline in our home (which have proven MOST successful by the way!) and a play by play game plan for how to make carpool in the morning as painless as possible. She has gone beyond the call of duty to conference with me as needed in regards to helping Kate become the independent and confident child I hope she will be. The parents and the children sense her genuine love of kids and her passion for teaching. I can also attest to the quality of Mrs. Megan's teaching, for my daughter has learned more than I could ever dream possible for a two year old. Kate has stunned my husband and me on a number of occasions by the material that she has learned at Lakeland.

I realize that this is Mrs. Megan's first year as an official Montessori teacher, but if I did not know her credentials, I would think her to be much older with years of Montessori experience under her belt. Her maturity, passion for teaching, and her genuine love for the children is undeniable. One would think that she was a family member, as she is spoken of so fondly by Kate on a daily basis. She has made my child feel safe and has gotten her incredibly excited about learning. What more could a parent ask for? I am so impressed by your school and most appreciative for your talented staff. We look forward to next year and the many years to follow at the Montessori Academy at Sharon Springs.

Sincerely,


Lisa Pietro