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Mrs. Mary Hamm, Principal
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Dear Mrs. Hamm:

I am writing out of pure gratefulness for the Preschool experience that Immaculate Conception School has given our children, Lucas and Brianna. As an elementary and special education teacher myself, I am fully aware of both the importance of an early academic foundation and more importantly, a positive introduction to the school experience. Both our children benefitted greatly from beginning their school days at Immaculate Conception, where they were nurtured and encouraged as they developed a love of learning. I will personally cherish all the wonderful activities that they took part in, from holiday events to their priceless graduation shows.

Some particular members of your staff should be recognized for their dedication and genuine care of the little ones that they encounter each week:

Mrs. Bartley for providing firm structure but with a gentle touch to the newest students. I haven't met a person who has anything but sheer praise for her teaching abilities and patience.

Mrs. Anthony and Mrs. G. for greeting our children with a smile each morning. I can still recall Mrs. G. giving our son a hug as he entered school on his birthday and many other mornings. This affection was of utmost importance since he was a sensitive, timid child at the time.

Mrs. Santangelo for her acute awareness of our son's academic and social needs. She assisted my husband and I in deciding whether or not Lucas was ready for Kindergarten with a birthday so close to the cut-off date.

Miss Figueroa for her spunk and energy which helped Lucas to "come out of his shell."

Mrs. McDermott for using her experience and patience when our son encountered a few difficulties with another child.

Mrs. O'Sullivan for telling our daughter that "questions are good." She provided a perfect balance of academic structure and fun in her four year old program. Brianna is feisty and strong-willed, yet she knew the limits that were set in class and truly wanted to please her teachers.

Mrs. Alongi, Mrs. Giacamelli, and Mrs. Dornilici for their warmth and encouragement every day. Brianna spoke about them constantly and continues to mention meaningful times that they shared with her in class last year.

Mrs. Mc Coy, Mrs. Genovese, and Mrs. Adornati for always being pleasant and helpful in the hallway and at dismissal.

Mrs. Abel for providing excellent Spanish instruction. Brianna was speaking the colors and numbers in Spanish within the first few months of school. As the year progressed, Mrs. Abel continued to motivate her students, as our daughter displayed every time she insisted on blessing herself in Spanish.

Mrs. VanDerWerf for greeting Brianna by telling her how cute/pretty/adorable she looked every morning and dismissing her at the end of the day with a smile. When asked what she would miss the most about Immaculate Conception, Brianna replied, "Mrs. Vanderwerf's hugs because I love her."

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Concurso for their dedication to helping the program run smoothly and for always being kind when I called the office for assistance.

I sincerely apologize for any staff members that I have not specifically named, as our children have had positive experiences with everyone who has crossed their paths in preschool. Perhaps it is nostalgia about our children growing up too quickly that has prompted me to write this letter, or simply because I feel that good educators should not go unnoticed. So often it is the negative aspects of a school that are vocalized.

Please feel free to use this letter in any way you wish to promote Immaculate Conception Preschool. Although our children now attend public school, we will most certainly return to attend church and CCD activities as well as the various annual events that you offer. I give you my deepest gratitude and commendation for running such a wonderful Preschool program. Our children are all the better for having been a part of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Eosso". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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