

August 6, 2008

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Dear Suzanne,

Today marks the last day of my son's education and care at Concordia Lutheran School and on this occasion, I would like to express my thanks to you and the school's staff for the outstanding care and education he has received while under your tutelage.

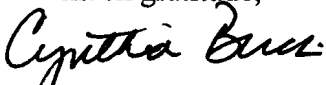
In his three years at Concordia, my husband and I saw him blossom -- starting as a shy, quiet toddler and developing into a chatty, energetic and courageous pre-schooler. When he started counting at the age of 1, we marveled; when he started identifying letters before his second birthday, we were amazed; and when he started spelling in his third year, we were convinced -- the staff and administration at Concordia Lutheran School had to be fantastic!

All the while, he spent with you, we were assured that he was safe, cared for, was learning and having fun. The academic program is rigorous and challenges all students. Over the years, his teachers, Alicia Santos, Neyra Rodriguez, Ivy Hawkins, Manuela Felici, Diane Flowers and all the teachers, including his lunch buddy Amanda Seaga, developed a lovely bond with him and molded him into the articulate, inquisitive little boy he is today. Collectively, they shaped his education. They taught him manners, reading, music, dance, sportsmanship and most importantly, they fostered in him an eagerness to learn.

When I informed you of our decision to transfer James to the elementary school where his sister is currently enrolled, you and I cried as we discussed with tenderness the compassion with which mothers make decisions that involve their children -- even after they have reached adulthood. I believe it is precisely that compassion that makes you and your staff so remarkable. These three years with you, he was treated more like a son than a student. And that difference is precisely what sets Concordia apart. Thank you for giving me peace of mind while he was with you and your faculty and for everything that went into his education.

I wish you many, many years of successful early education. Thank you cannot begin to express our gratitude and so we will put it in God's hands as we include you and everyone at Concordia in our nightly prayers. Hands together, hands together ... Thank you God!

With much gratitude,


Cynthia Birch

cc: Dave Ditmar
Pastor Christopher Patterson
Manuela Felici
Diane Flowers
Ivy Hawkins
Neyra Rodriguez
Alicia Santos
Amanda Seaga