

To whom this may concern,

My wife and I have two sons attending Appleseed Almaden Montessori School, one in the toddler program and the other in the preschool. Both boys absolutely love going to school and I start each morning trying to keep up as they race each other to be first into the classroom. In fact, on the morning of January 3rd my oldest son woke up and was so excited to go back and see his teachers and friends after the winter break that he fell out of his bed.

My wife and I appreciate our sons enthusiasm for school, but also appreciate the strong academic curriculum offered by AppleSeed. We both recognize the benefits of the Montessori teaching method and can see the results in our children. Our sons enjoy "playing jobs", as our youngest calls it and we are amazed at the knowledge they are picking up in reading, science and geography. Our youngest is learning sign language and proudly shows us the latest letters or gestures he has picked up. Last summer our oldest son was served some waffles for breakfast and started talking about a quatrefoil. I had no idea what he was talking about, but Googled it and sure enough my wife had cut his waffles and arranged them into the flowerlike shape. Its moments like these, or when they break out into song about continents or days of the week that we know AppleSeed is providing a rich environment for our boys to learn and grow. This cannot be done without the amazing teachers and staff at AppleSeed. Each of their teachers has gone out of their way to connect with our boys and you can see that they truly care and want the best for our children. My wife and I have gone to numerous parades and in-class activities and get to witness the guidance, teaching and positive reinforcement they provide.

In addition to the normal classroom activities, AppleSeed offers and we take advantage of various extra-curricular activities. Our sons look forward to taking classes like dance or soccer during the week. "Its music day", they exclaim on Monday mornings and cannot wait until the afternoon when they can sing and dance to the various songs they learned.

Overall, my wife and I would definitely recommend AppleSeed Almaden Montessori. They have created a positive and rich environment for our children and the results surprise us every day.

Sincerely,

Scott Gardner and Molly Bratton-Gardner