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Dear prospective Appleseed parents,

I am extremely happy to recommend Appleseed Almaden Montessori School for your child or children for their preschool education. I have had 2 daughters attend Appleseed over the last 3+ years, and have had nothing but positive experiences over that period of time.

Dhiyana, now age 5 and in Kindergarten, started part-time at the age of 2. Her half-day sessions quickly evolved into a full-time experience due to her positive adaptation to her new environment away from home. Her learning curve was tremendous, and the continued evolvment of her social skills was very exciting. Dhiyana "graduated" from Appleseed this last summer, and through 6 excellent teachers and assistants, along with a great many peers, returns to Appleseed almost on a daily basis to nothing but hugs and attention as she picks up her younger sister. We are told by her Kinder teacher that she is reading at a 2nd grade level already, which I highly attribute to the skill-sets she developed at Appleseed.

Amiya, currently age 3+, was started at Appleseed a little earlier than her sis, at the young age of 20 months. She transitioned *very* easily, and was immediately placed in full-time. She started in the toddler class, and potty-trained quite well at school, a contrast from her sister who did it at home. She also has had 6 outstanding teachers and assistants over her first 2 years as she has climbed up the ladder and gone through 3 classes. The first transition was from toddler to pre-school, then a lateral transition to spend a few months in her sister's class before she graduated. For those of you with 2 children and worried about placing them in the same class, for us it worked out quite well as each child developed their own personalities and set of friends in the class, yet had a feeling of safety and happiness in knowing their sibling was just across the room. Amiya's evolvment has also been eye-opening, and we are very thankful to the caring and nurturing staff for treating her as one of their own, like they do for all the children at Appleseed.

I have no reservations in recommending Appleseed to you. I find the staff to be very caring, attentive to detail, and each one has taken great pride and responsibility in giving appropriate and constructive feedback at the parent-teacher conferences. There are also ample extracurricular activities available at Appleseed, with my children having participated in Music, Art, Dance, and Gymnastics thus far. The field trips have also been quite enjoyable, and personally I thoroughly enjoy the gardens that these children help maintain on the school grounds! It is a very safe environment at Appleseed, and the flexible hours of coverage for the children (7:30am to 6pm), along with it being year-round, is very convenient for us working parents! We know the children are going to be safe, loved, and growing and learning at a rapid rate right before our eyes. How these children apply what they learn at Appleseed for when they come home will truly impress you!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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