

2009-10 Parent/Feedback Survey

Pre-K Class – Teachers: Ms. Natalie and Ms. Dawn

34. I would like more workshops/courses for parents. If so, what?

- any
- ideas for academics at home

63. What do you feel were the strengths of the program?

- diversity with people
- all learning components are excellent, i.e. Spanish, music, chapel
- The teachers (Natalie and Dawn) are very involved with the student's lives both in and out of class which I think provides excellent role model behavior. Very lucky to have these teachers
- the open communication
- I was always glad to know when my son did something he wasn't suppose to be doing. That let me know what needed to be worked on at home.
- small size, individual attention, staff
- The teachers are incredible! They care so much about not only the student but his/her family. It is an honor to have Ms. Dawn, Ms. Natalie and Ms. Jill a part of our lives. I would want Mac to go anywhere.

64. What do you feel were the program's weaknesses or areas in need of improvement?

- Mulch needs to be removed; replace with pebbles
- Not necessarily a weakness but concerts, special programs – some need to be held in the evening for parents who cannot attend during the day. Not everyone works close by.
- You need to have a kindergarten!!

65. Would you recommend this program to other parents? If no, please tell us why.

- Yes, 7
- warm and friendly
- absolutely
- children love coming to school
- definitely
- Absolutely. Such a caring but educational experience with Christ at the center.

Shout outs!

- Love Ms. Natalie and Ms. Dawn!
- They encourage children's positive behavior.
- They encourage children to learn and have fun.
- Ms. Natalie and Ms. Dawn – great improvement from last year!
- Ms. Natalie and Ms. Dawn have been exceptional teachers. Brady has enjoyed being in such a wonderful learning environment
- Ms. Nat and Ms. Dawn are an exceptional team. They provide just the right amount of structure and nurturing. They work well together and it shows!!
- Ms. Natalie, Ms. Dawn and Ms. Jill – You are angels! Its been a hard year for our family both with health and wealth. What y'all have created for Mac during this time has been a strong foundation for who he is and is to become!

Miscellaneous

- paid flat fee for Scratch & Help
- don't like mulch; prefer small pebbles. Mulch is horrible. Children can be encouraged/disciplined not to throw pebbles. They are cleaner.
- Enjoyed school-wide programs (3) – not timing
- Adequately prepared for next level (2) – not necessarily due to teacher's curriculum
- Returning in fall – We are still deciding if Mac is "mature" enough for GA Pre-K, financial reasons

MMO Class – Teachers: Ms. Ceci, Ms. Jen B. and Ms. Jen N.

34. I would like more workshops/courses for parents. If so, what?

- I would participate in a class, but don't feel we especially need one
- behavior tips, school/learning tips from maybe a counselor or a physician

63. What do you feel were the strengths of the program?

- arts and craft projects
- the teachers were/are amazing and know the children very well. It's like a small family
- the daily crafts are wonderful
- teachers
- atmosphere of care and inclusion
- curriculum
- social interaction/exposure
- activities
- intimate setting, close to home, small classes, very personal, price, hrs./day
- friendliness of teachers, variety in programming
- I love hearing new songs she was taught at school. Being taught to say blessing and sit and eat. Love all of the keepsakes and seeing her interact with others her age
- great atmosphere for kids to learn

64. What do you feel were the program's weaknesses or areas in need of improvement?

- car pool line?
- a carpool line would be nice – even if just drop off/pick up
- pick up/drop off
- recycle
- long way to walk to entrance
- none, so far
- for next year...more focus on educational aspect
- computer use for fun/games
- teacher absences
- none

65. Would you recommend this program to other parents? If no, please tell us why.

- Yes, 9
- we have recommended 3 kids last year and they are all part of St. Aidan's family
- we also spread word of mouth

Shout outs!

- Ms. Ceci! We adore her. (smiley face)
- Ceci is a saint – I really wish she could teach my child next year!
- We are very happy with the care Ms. Ceci, Ms. Jen and Ms. Jenn provide to my son in the classroom and feel lucky to have such mentors and care takers
- We would love to have Ms. Ceci again to head teach...Ms. Jenn too (smiley face)
- Ms. Ceci is excellent! Enthusiastic and obviously enjoys what she does for a living
- Ms. Ceci gave Gabi all the attention and more. She took her into her nest and cuddled her and then slowly pushed her out to fly. She adjusted way better than I thought she would. This has allowed me to take her to other places (churches – different ones) without any crying or problems.
- Ms. Jenn has also taken Gabi in and made her feel safe and special. She's always helpful and calm in of room of 2 year olds.

Miscellaneous

- did food drive and pennies for Haiti with elementary school
- 2 year old MMO is awesome.
- Jill is delightful.

- Teachers easy to reach – never had to try
- Is it the same price for MMO M/W and T/TH? If it is, I feel that M/W should be a little less due to the amount of holidays that fall on a Monday and the amount of school days that are cancelled due to those holidays (ex. Jan 18, Feb 15).

2s Class – Teachers: Ms. Liz and Ms. Betsy

34. I would like more workshops/courses for parents. If so, what?

- maybe ways we can continue learning/study at home
- facilitating positive parenting

63. What do you feel were the strengths of the program?

- the small class size, student-teacher ration
- good, stable atmosphere
- loving and attentive teachers
- I think everything is well organized and there are set curriculums and schedules for every class. I love the atmosphere. My child has learned so much.
- The teacher's positive and caring attitudes
- great communication
- very family like atmosphere; everyone makes you feel right at home

64. What do you feel were the program's weaknesses or areas in need of improvement?

- more focus on academic/learning – appropriate for age
- security? Seems a little lax to me
- maybe come up with a drop off and pick up line which could help parents with younger children in the car
- nil
- a little more academic focus may help but again it may be too early for the 2s class

65. Would you recommend this program to other parents? If no, please tell us why.

- Yes 5
 - I have
 - Of course, St. Aidan's is the best if I may brag!! I love this school so much!
 - Definitely, as I believe that Josh is truly nurtured and cared for when attending St. Aidan's
 - I already have

Shout outs!

- Lizzy is such a loving/caring person and teacher – wonderful!
- Betsy has constantly gone out of her way/ over and above her duties to take care of my child and make her feel loved.
- And Jill truly loves her job and all her students.
- LOVE Ms. Lizzie and Ms. Betsy
- My husband and I love Ms. Betsy and Ms. Lizzy. They are so sweet, positive and awesome with the children. I only wish they could teach my child next year again! Love, love, love them!
- Ms. Betsy has been very awesome. She is so genuine and caring with Krish and worked so hard towards getting him adjusted.
- Ms. Lizzy is also very awesome and so enthusiastic with the kids and teaches them so much.

3s Class – Teachers: Ms. Kim and Ms. Jamie

34. I would like more workshops/courses for parents. If so, what?

- behavior tips, school readiness, learning tips from a counselor or physician

63. What do you feel were the strengths of the program?

- classroom size
- teacher/student interaction
- Jill's dedication
- meeting each child's needs
- Spanish, music, pre-school gym – all the extras
- loved that everything was dated (the take home crafts)
- love all the fun crafts, music, outdoor time and fun things at school or having a new experience that he was excited about
- great teachers, curriculum, positive attitude from all
- communication and curriculum (spiritual, motor skills)
- the teachers and parent involvement
- seasonal programs offered for family and kids (Christmas program, Thanksgiving feast, field trips, etc.)
- continued effort, enthusiasm and energy put toward growing and improving the program

64. What do you feel were the program's weaknesses or areas in need of improvement?

- need better fundraisers
- maybe a carpool line so mom's with babies don't have to drag them out and down
- maybe 1 or 2 parent teacher conference; an end of school year conference or a conference halfway through school
- recycle
- My only problem with the program is it seems that the vast majority of activities the parents must attend are during hours I am working. Therefore, to attend Muffins with Mom, concerts, etc. I have to take the entire morning off. But keep in mind that I know you can't please everyone all the time. Someone will have a conflict no matter when you schedule things.
- Pre-K computers, after school science option
- Just a suggestion: maybe have a folder containing information about the preschool to give to prospective/visiting parents when they tour the school. Include information like each class schedule, copy of handbook, pictures, programs and events offered, curriculum used, etc.

65. Would you recommend this program to other parents? If no, please tell us why.

- Yes 9
 - already have
 - have done so

Shout outs!

- Miss Kim is one of the best teachers – we really enjoy her
- Ms. Kim was great. She let me know what we needed improvement in and let us know that the improvement was seen. Very good getting the kids' attention (esp. all those boys!). Very friendly and fun!
- Ms. Jamie was always very helpful. She always offered her support any way she could. Very friendly.
- Love Kim and Jamie! Looking forward to Dawn & Natalie next year. Everyone is wonderful, including the Director and other teachers.
- Ms. Kim is so good with my child. She knows just how to handle him. She does a great job!

Miscellaneous Comments

- Dry Erase board ok for reminders

- Teacher conferences – there weren't any that I know of...
 - Need more email
 - Preschool go "greener" – more recycling options would be better
 - School-wide programs – prefer at least some evening events for Dad or even just one
 - Conferences would help; no conferences were held to my knowledge; would be nice to have at least one (or one in winter and one in spring)
 - To help go "greener" maybe use the BIG bulletin board in main area as more informational and less of a decorative bulletin board
 - Increase in school programming – not necessarily, current amount is good for a preschool
 - Would be nice to have more variety of play equipment
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