

June 15, 2011

Walt Sutterlin
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Dear Mr. S -

To begin, thank you for your philosophy that, "'Teacher' is a personality first, then a profession." Your students benefit every day from that philosophy and your life experiences that have provided such insight. Through your words and actions you exemplify the importance of responsibility, respect, caring and safety.

Children's emerging personalities are so very diverse and they face individual challenges academically, emotionally and physically. Your "team" concept of teacher(s), child and parents is one that well serves everyone. Each child's academic level of instruction needs are met, no small task, but there is so much more. You look for distinctive experiences for the students outside of the classroom. The innovative use of music is another excellent tool that captures the attention of the students and because of that helps them retain the "life lessons" taught.

Through your unique teaching methods our strong-willed daughter found guidance and intellectual challenges. Listening to your words of wisdom as frequently repeated by her has helped us better guide and cheerlead her efforts toward being her best.

Thank you for a wonderful year, Walt; we have great confidence in you as a forger of our future generations.

Best regards~



Scott Pohl and Sherry Bass-Pohl

c: James Cooper, Principal
Johnny Scott, Ph.D., Superintendent