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I am a parent of a 5 and 7 year old and have had the privilege of having my children in classes and interacting with the directors of ECC Preschool for the last three years. The joy and learning that my children have experienced in their classes are unmatched. I believe their teaching styles, which bring fun and games alongside academic concepts for preschoolers, are the perfect mix for success and excitement for school.

The warmth and love exhibited by Leah Wooden is a great compliment to the lively spirit of Mindy Flick. They both bring organization and steadiness to the classroom and it shows. My son, who will attend kindergarten this next year, started pre-K in their classroom without much base for letter or number recognition. Throughout the year he became more and more excited about his writing and letters and is definitely ready to start Kindergarten. He is sounding out words and doing basic arithmetic incredibly well. I believe Mindy and Leah gave him the confidence and also the excitement to learn and all while having fun! They really do keep the preschoolers feeling like they are just there to have fun but it is clear that the kids are learning so much from these two very talented teachers.

One of the many things my children like about walking into their classroom is the excitement upon arrival. Mindy or Leah would always greet the kids with so much joy and ask the question of the day but also it was a great way to just check in with the mood and feelings of the kids. I also appreciated that they both checked in on me as well. I was always welcome in the classroom and I felt encouraged to talk with the teachers if I had any questions or needed some advice. It was easy to know how my son was doing in class since they sent home weekly information sheets and there was always a quick update at pick-up or a more in-depth update if I felt like I wanted one.

My child's favorite activities were the crafts and clever science experiments. My son especially loved that his teachers didn't mind getting messy, his favorite experiment being a "real" volcano. He really loved show and tell and the daily crafts. My son is also an outdoor lover and it was wonderful that his teachers were able to incorporate so much nature into their lessons, even bringing little creatures into the classroom.

I am positive that the ECC Preschool will be a huge success and would encourage any parent to enroll their children. I am also confident in the backing and support of ECC and in the preschool setting. I know I am thankful my children had the opportunity to learn from Mindy and Leah and I am sure you will be too.

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