

To Whom It May Concern -

I am writing this letter to express my deepest confidence in American River Montessori. I originally chose the preschool after observing and meeting with the owner, Debbie Doss. She is welcoming, knowledgeable, and has an obvious love of children and teaching. Her Montessori materials are impressive and are constantly being rotated throughout the school year.

My daughter, Kaylie, was a student in American River Montessori for 2 ½ years. During her time in the school, I witnessed her enthusiasm and love for learning deepen. When she first started preschool, Kaylie watched the older kids doing advanced concepts and she strived to do those too. Once, she got older she continued to push herself to learn even higher concepts. Her intrinsic interest in her own learning began in preschool and continues to deepen in elementary school. She is now 7 years old and is supposed to be in second grade, but because of her advanced academic abilities she has been placed in a third grade classroom and is doing third and fourth grade curriculum. Kaylie is so proud of her knowledge and she is dedicated to continuing to learn more and more.

After Kaylie graduated from American River Montessori and began kindergarten, she already had the skills needed to learn to read. By the middle of her kindergarten year, she was reading chapter books. By the middle of first grade she was doing long division. Her Montessori background accelerated her learning and sparked her intrinsic motivation to absorb knowledge.

I am a strong believer in the Montessori philosophy and Kaylie continues to attend a Montessori elementary school. Montessori teaches and nurtures the whole child. It builds character and molds children into caring individuals. Kaylie is the epitome of a child shaped by a Montessori education. She prides herself on being kind, responsible, friendly, honest, and respectful. At home and at school, Kaylie continues to soar academically, socially, and emotionally. Having Kaylie attend American River Montessori as her first phase in her education, was the spark that ignited Kaylie's passion for learning, developed her character, and has created a positive foundation for her life's path.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Sara Smith
Parent of American River Montessori Graduate