

Since Lucy will be leaving in September, I showered Ms. Seema with a gracious "thank you note" and a small gift for her well-deserved work. I have been in the educational field as both a teacher and educator for 14 years holding a Masters of Teaching, certified prek - 6.

I'd like to present this letter of reflection for Ms. Seema after carefully observing her transferable skills as a leader in the learning environment at Raritan Valley Children's Campus. Please see below! Our experience has been absolutely wonderful and we are so sad to leave.

Ms. Seema,

My first impression when you described the thematic approach to learning clearly displayed your organizational skills as to how you keep things running smoothly. Based on Lucy's progress it is evident that the day is scheduled with routines, curricular plans, as well as activities and that the day is structured for you to pivot around all circumstances.

Lucy is cute to me! But I knew you loved Lucy when you imitated her "thank you" most likely at mealtime. Or the way you responded to her 'cry,' one time: I hear ya. Such creative ways to show empathy while responding to competing needs at the same time.

At parent-teacher conferences, I noticed your passion. Stepping into a large responsibility: the role of a 2's and 3's preschool teacher because you can't imagine doing anything else...is the most amazing quality. You have to be "silly" and "serious" to comfortably teach arts and crafts, storytelling, and educational games - learning centers -. It's a plus that "singing songs" is part of the creative curriculum. May I add: Lucy sings "twinkle twinkle little star" in the car once I pick her up.

I know from my personal experience that being able to juggle parents, coworkers, and members of the administration to articulate what you mean in a way that they'll understand isn't always easy; and I commend you for your unhurried time and attention.

It'd be great to stay in touch as I know Lucy is going to miss you! Thanks again for everything you've done.

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