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To Whom It May Concern:

Our son, Reece, entered the Montessori program at Casa de Bambini at the age of 2. In the past year he has surpassed any expectation we as parents had for a 2-3 year old toddler. His skills in recognizing letters, counting, everyday skills and manners are significantly more advanced than peers his age in traditional child care programs. Casa de Bambini has been a wonderful experience for him. As an only child at home he learned the importance of interactions with friends of similar, younger and older ages at school. Through these interactions he has gained a confidence and self-esteem unimagined for someone of his age and social experience. Casa de Bambini offers many unique experiences compared to other Montessori programs including small classes, one on one relationship with the headmistress, involved specialized music programs, fieldtrips and interactions in the community and family oriented seasonal programs.

One special story I attribute specifically to the Montessori program and our son is that I took Reece to a movie recently and after it was over and we were walking out amongst the other patrons I asked, "Did you like the movie?" and he answered "I sure did Dad, thank you for taking me. It sure was impressive." He was not yet 3 1/2 years old. This statement shows you 3 specific examples of the Montessori program's impact. The first being that he was able to sit well behaved for an entire cinematic experience. Secondly, he was appreciative and expressed gratitude without being coerced. Thirdly, he used vocabulary 3-4 years beyond the expectation for his age.

There is no doubt the Montessori program was the correct choice for our son. We are extremely satisfied with his experience at Casa de Bambini Montessori. It is a wonderful school where the children are placed first and the passion of the teacher are passed on through the curriculum.

Sincerely,

Eric and Andy Hanse