

Chisago Lakes Baptist School,

I'd like to take a moment and share my experience with CLBS this past school year.

With an only child, everything she does is so important and we want the best for her. Here at CLBS I feel that is exactly what we are getting. This last school year, my daughter entered Kindergarten. It is a big decision deciding where to send your kids to school, because now as a parent you have a whole new list of expectations. In the search to find the perfect school, I looked at academics, Christian atmosphere, safety and the cost. I found that CLBS had it all, with a great focus on Academic Excellence as well as a Christ Centered Foundation.

Kindergarten completely exceeded my expectations! I figured they would hone the skills she learned in preschool, but they went far beyond that. The focus on academics was amazing, and she wasn't overwhelmed. The reading program was sensational; she is now a fluid reader with expression and consistency. The words she can sound out are surprising. But it wasn't all about reading. They learned Bible stories & verses, History, Science, Math, Hand Writing, every day skills and were taught how to apply the knowledge to everyday life. Everything was very informative, but yet age appropriate and fun. The combination of the curriculum and her teacher, Mrs. Hraba, was outstanding! Mrs. Hraba had a nice classroom balance of learning and playing. Her nurturing love for the kids is so reassuring to the parents and keeps the kids in a safe and happy environment. Kids at this age absorb so much and their memory is huge and Mrs. Hraba used every experience and resource to teach them.

Watching the kids throughout the year at events, class parties, fieldtrips and even Kindergarten graduation was a true testament of all they learned this year and how much they enjoyed being here at CLBS.

Not only do the kids have a great opportunity, but the parents have many chances to participate as well. The school welcomes parent involvement in just about every way, whether a chaperone on a fieldtrip, joining on a class project, parties, concerts, sports, school play, fundraisers, I could go on. I know I felt very welcome to be as involved in my daughter's school year as I wanted to be, and I like that.

This was an awesome year and I want to say thank you to the teachers and staff for all they do for the kids. I know the years to come will be just as great and we appreciate your ministry.

Thank You!