

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Thomson

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Dear Peter,

I would like to thank you and your staff for time taken during your June 2001 workshop to allow Sandie, Katie and I to visit and observe. Everyone from students to staff was truly happy to be there. The singers after lunch were impressive!

We were able to watch an acting and dance class for students near Kate's age. In the acting class the students were an active part of the learning process. They decided what country and what subject the improvisation was about. This made them important, and you could see that they appreciated that fact. We were asked and did join in for a part of the class and were instantly made to feel welcome. We then moved on to the dance class. We found the same type of student involvement in the learning process. The students were able to make choices about what dance steps that fit best with music chosen by the instructor. The instructor then worked with them on timing and spacing. It was truly exciting to watch their energy and concentration.

I would like to especially thank your head chaperone Kevin Kolack for taking us to the two different classes that we sat in on. You could see that all the students really liked him.

I know this will be a wonderful experience for Katie.

Regards,



Jeff Thomson