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Dear Peter,

Thank you for having Elise at your house again for another mini-workshop. As usual, she sounds like she enjoyed every minute of it. She loved the guest teachers and coaching sessions with you and came home with renewed focus and motivation. She seems very clear about the direction she wants to head when she starts high school next year although I have had to remind her several times that it is the high school around the corner from our house that she will be attending and not a high school in New York City where she now wants to move! I have to say I did the same thing back in August when we were there - it is so easy to fall in love with that city!

She really enjoyed the trips into New York City. Every few days she tells me something she remembers about the adventures in and into the city on the "choo-choo train" - she cracks herself up doing her impression of you, by the way. I'm so glad you took them to a Broadway show. That was one of the highlights for Elise. We've talked a lot about that show - what a great message. Right after she got home we saw a commercial for that new TV show, "Joe Millionaire." All these gorgeous women compete for the attention of this hunk they think is a millionaire, unaware until the bitter end that he is a construction worker or something. We have talked about the similarities of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" with that new show and that has led to discussions about what's really important in life and deep stuff like that, plus now I have an excuse to watch "Joe Millionaire" where I might have tended to feel guilty watching that kind of trash - now it's research - thanks, Peter!

It sounds like you all had a blast at Café Mozart New Year's Eve (and many other nights) singing until the wee hours of the morning! We have been singing show tunes in the car constantly. Elise has been belting out Belle and Little Mermaid songs a cappella while I prefer to sing along with the soundtracks from Footloose and A Chorus Line.

Elise also really enjoyed helping make dinner for everyone. I do appreciate what you try to get across about eating healthy. Elise always enjoys the food at your house. It's amazing what 10 days of clean living and good nutrition does to your skin! Every time she gets off the plane after being with you her skin looks beautiful. She says it's the flax. I know it's a little more complicated than that.

Thank you again for having her. She can't wait to come back.

Sincerely,

*Yolanda Kerns*