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Dear Peter:

Although it has been some six months since my daughter, Jenny, attending "Beginnings", I did want to write to thank you for selecting her and to tell you what a good time she had and how much your program has done for her.

I would have to admit that it was hard to send Jenny away for the two weeks that she was at "Beginnings" as we had never gone for that long a period without any contact before. I believe that her being away ended up being harder on me than on her.

Jenny returned home a much more self-assured child. She enjoyed all of her classes and met many new friends whom she still keeps in contact with. We also certainly enjoyed the magic tricks she learned!

Although Jenny has not been on too many auditions since attending your program, when she has had to audition, she has more confidence. One particular time, she was auditioning for a local play. As various kids came out of the audition, you could tell that many of them were a little shaken by the experience. Jenny came out and commented that it was scary, but that at "Beginnings" she had been taught how to handle a "cold" reading and felt that she had done alright. I know that this is a very small example, but I felt that it was an experience where I could see for myself that your program had helped her. She also takes acting lessons at the dance studio she attends and the acting teacher has also commented that she has handled herself well in some difficult readings.

I also would like to comment that the video tape that you made of the time that the children attend "Beginnings" is wonderful. Jenny, of course, enjoyed reliving the good times she had and seeing all of the kids again. It was also nice for us to see for ourselves some of what went on during the time she was away. She has watched the tape many times and with other friends who attended your program, and they all have many great memories.

Hopefully, Jenny will attend another "Beginnings" sessions soon.

Very truly yours,

