

The Lancaster's

June 29, 2012

To the staff at Kids Central in Appalachia:

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the care given to my 2 children. I feel very privileged and lucky to have had the opportunity to enroll my children in head start and have their lives touched and enriched by the care and guidance from you all. My thanks go to everyone there, from the kitchen staff (or cookers as Laci likes to call them), to the substitutes and helpers, and especially the teachers.

I don't know where I would have turned or what I would have done if my girls hadn't been accepted there. This program and staff deserve recognition on so many levels. My children entered the program very shy and not accepting of change or new people. My children are leaving the program as well rounded polite and respectful little girls who care for others. I am amazed at what they have learned here. Lani was at the top of her class in kindergarten and I owe it all to kids central. Laci is more than prepared for school and it is all because of kids central.

I have cherished their time here. It is bitter sweet for me to have Laci leave the program. Deciding to accept the offer of Pre-K was not made easily. I feel that with Lani already enrolled in school and going to 1st grade that it would make better management of my time to have them both in the same school. Please know that I am very thankful and grateful for the time spent with this center and would recommend no where else for someone to take their children.

Please accept my deepest thanks for all you have shown and done for my family and my children. I leave with a heavy heart that the girls and I will not see the staff as much, but I also leave with peace and happiness knowing that my children are better for having been a part of the family and program here at the Appalachia center. We will certainly never forget any of you. If there is ever anything we could do for any of you please don't hesitate to call or contact me. The staff here will always have our love and hold a special place in my heart.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy Lancaster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mandy Lancaster

Mother of Laci Lancaster and Lani Lancaster