June 24, 2014

Dear ACT Friends:

It is bittersweet that we give notice that Addison and Ethan will no longer be attending ACT. While we are really excited to move into a new home with room to grow and new community with great schools for the kids, we are very sad to leave ACT.

I will never forget our first tour of ACT while I was about 7 months pregnant. We were blown away by the classrooms, outdoor activities and special buildings, but even more so by the passion and true dedication Mr. Mike and the teachers we'd met had shown. I cried the entire way home knowing that this was the place for my baby girl and felt so lucky we found it!

Hard to believe that was almost 6 years ago! We have had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful teachers through the years and can't say thank you enough for everything- diaper changes, feedings, calming my crying babies, helping them walk, talk, learn their academics as well as about God and how to be good people and friends, potty training (that is a big one), loving nature, telling them "no" when they needed it, keeping them safe, putting Band-Aids on boo boo's, having fun with them, laughing with them and loving them. Thank you too for being patient with us as new parents, working parents and forgetful parents. Your jobs are so important and often stressful. Thank you for making a huge impact on our children and creating a wonderful foundation for them to be excited learners, love school and be good people.

We also want to thank the office and kitchen staff. There were many calls from Miss Selena alerting us about bumps, scrapes, and falls that were always delivered in the most calm and assuring way that I didn't need to worry. Everyone is always so welcoming and friendly and I always felt like I could reach out with any issue. Recently, I spoke with Miss Reta about some behavioral issues at home as we are making our moving transition. As I was feeling a little lost on how to make things better, she offered me the advice I needed to help me make some changes and put it all into perspective. It felt so good to know I wasn't alone and that there are people at ACT that care about our family and have lots of wisdom to share. We are also thankful for all the nutritious food the kitchen staff creates every day. When they aren't good eaters at home, we always feel good knowing they are eating well at school and loving the food too. I will miss bumping into the food cart each day and seeing Mr. Dan's smiling face telling me to have a good day.

I could honestly go on and on about what a great place ACT is and how amazing the people are. THANK YOU doesn't quite express enough. I hope to stay in touch with many of the teachers and families we've met and look forward to seeing things from ACT on Facebook too. We will definitely miss our school and our teachers!

With sincerest thanks, warm wishes and blessings-

Cathleen & Kraig Corbin