

Ashriel and Staff,

I'm compelled to write a brief recommendation for A Child's Touch, especially the premier Kindergarten program. I pray this unsolicited endorsement will reward whomever reads it.

Allison, now 9, progressed through ACT since an infant. Her crowning time was in kindergarten under Ms Ashriel. She flourished and blossomed and strengthened her spiritual resolve in ways we never could have imagined. Intellectually she almost ran away from us...we weren't prepared for how quickly she'd absorb, devour and advance. It was exciting to see! But even more so was her spiritual growth. Her dinner and bed time prayers became more sincere, more intimate, more confident in ways that could only please our Lord! We and she have dearly cherished that foundation as she moved on to the sadly spiritual wasteland of the public school system. We faithfully attend our church and do Bible studies at home, but the 8-9 hours of reinforcement outside the home (ACT) really solidified her Christian compass...truly priceless.

For what it's worth, when Allison is in the car with me to pick up Haley from ACT, she literally begs me to let her come in so she can possibly get to see/talk/interact with Ms Ashriel and reconnect. Their bond, even 4+ years later, is remarkable.

So now it's Haley's turn! She is 5 years young with a mid-October birthday. My wife and I were skeptical of pushing her into kindergarten at such an early age - 4 at the time. But if there was any place/staff that would recognize her needs, strengths, attributes, and build her up it was ACT and Ms Ashriel. We made the decision to advance her despite her age...and she has FLOURISHED! She read so early, so eagerly, so voluminously...so proudly! Her intellectual rise has been remarkable...part hunger and part good ACT academic cookin'! I've just been blown away every week this year with her advancement in vocabulary and knowledge of things. To wit, we were coming to a stop at an intersection on the way to school one morning when a Nissan Cube pulled alongside us. "Look Daddy, that's a cubism car!" she exclaimed. They were deep into their art unit at the time and things were definitely clicking!

And so it goes, just like her Sister...thriving in the richest environment - both intellectually and Spiritually - we could ever have prayed for. We'll be forever grateful for the early foundation ACT has laid for our girls. Is it cheap? Well no, it was a family sacrifice. But isn't that what we're called to do? Pour into them, grow them, influence them, Bless them, invest in the academic and Spiritual bedrock on which they can build an inspired, confident, academically advanced and Christ-centered life. There is no greater Blessing to give them. The value of their Life compass coming out of ACT is truly unequalled and immeasurable.

PS: Both girls attended ACT's Summer program last year. When I asked them to sum up their experience last August, both replied in unison "Best Summer Ever!" They are attending this summer as well. I have no doubt I'll hear the same response this August. We were fortunate/lucky/Blessed to have ACT referred to us years ago. It's been the richest part of our girls' lives so far, and I'm happy to speak for the program to any potential parent(s) for years to come...please know that. Well done ACT Staff - you've Blessed us and our girls beyond belief!

Regards,
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