

Dear Principle and Teachers/Staff of Chinatown Community Children's Center,

As we reflect on the wonderful journey that Elsie and Ethan have had at CCCC this past year, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible experience they had under your attentive care.

As this was Elsie and Ethan's first time going to school, they were nervous about interacting with so many kids and adults in one setting. This worry was quickly assuaged through the guidance and integration that you provided. You warmly greeted us from the very beginning, and we felt supported through the entire process. From the enrollment and throughout the school year, resources and help were offered at each step, even for applying to kindergarten. We are thankful for your patience when answering all our questions, with continuous updates, and sending us many pictures of the kids each day. As an alumni returning to this campus after 20+ years, CCCC has shown me the sense of care and attention to detail towards all aspects of this journey through education. Your strong sense of community, as well as the commitment to teaching with dedication and genuine love is consistent to what I had experienced so many years ago. As parents, we can truly see your love for each student. We have watched with immense joy as Elsie and Ethan grew, learned, and blossomed into more confident and independent individuals, all thanks to your nurturing guidance.

The teachers' preparation of thoughtful lesson plans and creative projects every week, your patience in handling the curious minds of preschoolers, and an unwavering acceptance towards each child's growth and development have been nothing short of extraordinary. Elsie and Ethan have endless stories to tell about each project and field trip experience, such as the Filoli Garden, Aquarium at Pier 39 and the sea lion visit, Hallow Park Zoo, community library and park visits, and many more. We are also delighted to have been able to take part in these adventures with them. During after school pick ups, we see the excitement in Elsie and Ethan's smile as they can't wait to share what they have learned, and projects they have created in their classroom. As parents, we have happily looked forward to hearing their stories and seeing their beautiful projects everyday!

CCCC has helped build Elsie and Ethan's social skills and emotional well-being through daily activities, and even providing an exposure to the performing arts by being on stage during Christmas, Opera performance at the yearly Gala and at the On Lok senior community center. We can tell how much Elsie and Ethan

have enjoyed learning singing and dancing. They would often review and teach each other their performance routines at home. These experiences have propelled their social and emotional growth forward by becoming more independent, brave, and open to interacting more with friends and teachers. We love that CCCC extends well beyond the classroom with the opportunity to explore Chinese culture, language, and community in a fun and engaging way.

We deeply appreciate how CCCC has instilled values of love, kindness, empathy, and respect in our children. We see Elsie and Ethan have made many good friends and bonded so tightly with their teachers. Many days, the kids wished to stay at school for just a little bit longer, but even the school needs to sleep! The friendships formed with everyone is cherished in our family's heart. A sincere thank you to Teachers: Cindy, Jackie, Katrina, Vincent, Jenny, Ashley, Jeanne, Kelly, Mavis, Lisi, Wendy, Opera Teacher Lea, Christine, Janet, the school's amazing cook Miss Hua, and all other staff members. Additionally, thank you so much Anne. Your role as the school principal has provided incredible leadership and guidance of the school, staff, and parents. We appreciate your progressive mindset, openness to feedback, and your commitment to continual improvements of the school. Thank you all for allowing us the opportunity to be so involved with Elsie and Ethan's experiences!

The beautiful graduation ceremony held at Filoli Gardens was a wonderful event to bring a close to this unforgettable year. Even though Elsie and Ethan's time at CCCC has come to an end, the impact made on our family will continue to resonate for years to come. As we embark on the next chapter of their educational journey, we carry with us a sense of confidence in Elsie and Ethan's success, and the many fond memories created during their time at CCCC. Thank you for helping us lay the foundation for Elsie and Ethan's growth and development in their early years, as well as making the entire process smooth for us as parents. We are forever grateful for the experience of a warm and nurturing environment where our children felt safe, loved, and excited to learn. We are proud to have chosen Chinatown Community Children's Center for Elsie and Ethan!

Wishing everyone happiness and good health,

Goo Family (Elsie, Ethan, Edward, Jessie)

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