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To Whom It May Concern:

Kids' Adventures has been a resounding success during the first year of providing before and after school daycare as well as a Kindergarten enrichment program for Zerger Elementary. Some of the reasons for the success of this program are due to the child-centered philosophy, the appropriateness of the activities for the students and the effective communication between the Kids' Adventures staff, the school and the families.

Sounds of laughter and squeals of joy are heard in the morning during the active play time in the gym. Team building skills are embedded into the activities that the students participate in both small and large groups. Kids of all ages are eager to join in and begin their day with physical activity while learning cooperation skills. The morning ends with an opportunity for the students to enjoy breakfast in our in-school breakfast program which the adult leader supervises. Overall, the students come to school knowing that the morning's active and fun environment is going to prepare them for a positive beginning of their day.

The daycare and enrichment staff members who supervise children have demonstrated a child centered philosophy that is aligned with Kids' Adventures philosophy. In addition, the daycare staff members and the Kindergarten Enrichment teacher have shown willingness to support our school-wide Positive Behavior Support model that includes praising students for positive behavior. They have worked in tandem with the school staff to ensure that students are respected members of the community. It is obvious that the adults employed by Kids' Adventures feel comfortable with communicating with the school's office staff, the cafeteria manager, paraprofessionals and me, the principal, regarding the needs of the individual students.

Communication between the school and the Kids' Adventures staff has been a critical component to the success of their staff joining our school. Without exception, Tom O'Connor, Kids' Adventure's President has been readily available to answer site based questions that occasionally arise and need immediate attention. The daycare staff regularly communicates with the parents and families as well as the support staff at the school. The Kindergarten Enrichment teacher has collaborated with our Kindergarten teacher to complement Zerger's morning academics with the enrichment activities in the afternoon. It has been a pleasure to welcome the Kids' Adventures staff and their program to Zerger Elementary.

I would definitely recommend Kids' Adventures for any Jefferson County school that may be considering offering a before and after school program and a Kindergarten Enrichment opportunity. Please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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Principal