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To Whom It May Concern,

My daughter Madelyn has been under the care of Rima Numan for almost 2 years. During those years, she has been nurtured and educated in a loving home environment.

When Madelyn was 9 months old, I returned to work on a reduced schedule. As a teacher in the Chatham Public Schools, I was very concerned about the type of childcare my daughter would receive while I was at work. I am fully aware that the education and care that a child experiences during its early years are of vital importance. I was very reluctant to send Madelyn to a day care facility because of the high ratio of caregiver to child. I wanted her to have personal attention, but to also have the opportunity to interact with other children. It was this reason that I decided to send her to Rima Numan.

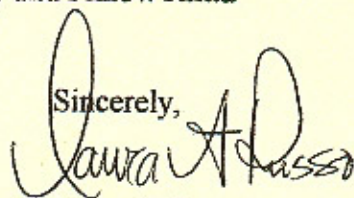
Rima is both experienced and gifted with young children. She has the natural ability to communicate with them in a calm and loving manner. Rima never raises her voice and always demonstrates patience with all the children. Rima truly understands my daughter and knows her likes and dislikes. I often ask Rima for advice when I am having trouble getting Madelyn to eat or any other complication that comes along with Motherhood.

Rima's home is a wonderful environment that provides both comfort and stimulation. She put a lot of thought into how the house should be utilized to best serve the children she cares for. There are separate rooms for eating, arts and crafts, play, and naptime—each organized with all the essentials children need to be creative and feel secure. The common room is a large open space that allows children to have the physical room they need. All of the children's rooms are bright and cheery with beautiful murals on the walls. Children's artwork and educational posters complete the surroundings.

I love that my daughter is in a home environment and still receives structure and education. To me, this balance allows the most learning to occur. It is obvious that Rima plans each day out carefully. Children participate in a range of activities everyday, including circle story time, arts and crafts, music, outdoor and individual play. I am amazed how she allows each child, no matter how young, the opportunity to share in the learning activities. My daughter, who is barely 2 ½, knows her colors, alphabet, and numbers because of Rima's constant attention to educational development.

It is never easy to leave your child in the care of another person. Sending my daughter to Rima Numan makes me feel comfortable knowing that my daughter is in the best possible hands. My daughter loves Rima like a member of our family and I know Rima returns that love to her.

Sincerely,



Laura A. Russo