

Dear Representative Reed,

My name is Gina Bagley and I am the mother of Mark Bagley. He has been selected to participate in the "Watch Me Grow" program for Pre-K through the Penns Manor School District. Markie is five years old and the youngest of three children in our family. His two older sisters just adore him tend to baby him in many ways. Prior to his preschool experience, Mark looked to his siblings for help with just about everything and quickly learned that tears spoke louder and more effectively than words at times. (He's definitely a smart kid!). He attended a private preschool for 2 years prior to entering the Pre-K counts program and did well. He attended 2-3 days a week for 2 ½ hours. There he learned the basics of classroom etiquette and socially acceptable behaviors. Activities such as singing and art promoted an interest in learning about the world outside of our home. As he grew out of this program he was able to move into the Pre-K class in our district. I am proud to say that since branching off from preschool and entering the Pre-K counts program he has grown by leaps and bounds both socially and academically. Let me give you an example: In September, Mark was able to identify 9/26 letters of the alphabet and 12/20 numbers 1-20. Today during our homework session, he was able to identify 21/26 letters and 20/20 numbers. We are only about seven weeks into the program and he is flourishing. He is proud to go to school just like his older sisters and looks forward to going EVERYDAY. The sense of pride and accomplishment he gets with this program is not something that can be recreated in a home setting. I thank you for supporting this program and hope you will continue to do so in the future. In the mean time, Mark is looking forward to being your "pen pal" of sorts and hopes you are as well. Please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Bagley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gina Bagley

