



May 17, 2011

Dear current and future 1st and 2nd grade families,

Due to some recent changes in her husband's job and family's scheduling conflicts, our beloved 1-2 class teacher, Gina Munkers, gave her letter of resignation to the DaVinci school board last night. She has written a letter to you on the back of this page. She has taken a new position which better fits her family needs. Gina has been a perfect match for our school and we have loved having her as a volunteer parent last year and an incredible teacher this year!

Even though we will miss her *very* much, we also believe in looking on the bright side! The board hired Pat Griffin to take Gina's place during their meeting last night. Pat has been a great employee of the school for three years and has participated in all the staff's professional development for curriculum and classroom management. He has spent the last year completing his Idaho elementary teaching certification and completed his student teaching experience with the mentorship of Wren Nicks in the 3-4 group and has spent a lot of his special services time in the 1-2 classes with both Gina and Marti. All the students know him as he's been everything from playground safety monitor, special services aide for small reading and math groups, and a classroom paraprofessional who worked in every age group with every teacher throughout the school.

While we are very sad to have Gina leave us, we feel this will make a smooth transition by having Pat take her class. He will be in her classroom full-time for the rest of this year helping her complete this school year and prepare for the next.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear Families of the First and Second Grade classes,

It is hard to believe the 2010/2011 school year is coming close to an end. I thank everyone for your support both in and out of the classroom this year. This year has been extremely rewarding, as it was full of challenging opportunities for growth and development as a teacher. However, my time with my own children and family often took a back seat to my commitments at the school.

Therefore, I have made the decision not to return to DaVinci Charter School next year. This was a difficult decision, and one I strongly deliberated with my family. I have been offered a part-time lead teacher position at an accredited preschool in Boise. This will allow me to be involved with my family and still be able to teach. I have enjoyed the children here and will miss their energy and thirst for learning. I have not discussed my resignation with our current first and second grade class and plan to do so on Wednesday, May 18. The kindergarteners who will be coming into first grade next year already know Pat, so I think they'll find the transition to be very smooth and will be excited to hear Pat will be their teacher. He will be part of our Transition Day the last week of school so the children will get to play games and get to know him even more at that time.

I am confident in Cindy and the Board's decision to hire Pat Griffin, who will create a positive, caring and enriching classroom environment for your child.

Thank you again for your support and efforts in making this year a great success.

Sincerely,

Gina Munkers