

Island Adventures Preschool & Child Care Salem, Oregon

Dear Representative Clem,

I want to thank you for the chance to be able to talk with you. I have been a family child care provider for 22 years. Our program has a 5 Star Spark rating that teaches preschool and have child care for working parents. We have children that participate in our Preschool Promise, ERDC, private paid and school-age program. All the children in our program have access to quality teaching and learning. We take pride in the way our children thrive and learn in school to prepare them for kindergarten. No matter the income level of the parent we want to make sure all children have a safe environment where they can continuously feel comfortable and learn. It is important that the funding for low income parents keeps moving forward. I have many children that would not have a quality learning environment if it weren't for the assistance they receive. I know they are very thankful for the assistance.

Quality Child Care is hard for some parents to find. I recently had a rare opening when a student moved and had a parent calling around for child care, I was her 20th call. She just lucked out, we interviewed and she was so excited that she found our program to start. She is a recipient of ERDC.

I want to conclude by asking whatever is set before you for funding of Preschool Promise and ERDC, that you push to keep encouraging the funding and expanding the programs. I would also encourage funding for better wages for family child care providers that take children from these programs. We work hard to have the children ready for kindergarten. In order to provide the resources that children need; providers must be paid a fair wage.

If you have any questions for me please feel free to contact me at 503-990-3273.

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Certified Family Child Care Provider

President AFSCME Local 132

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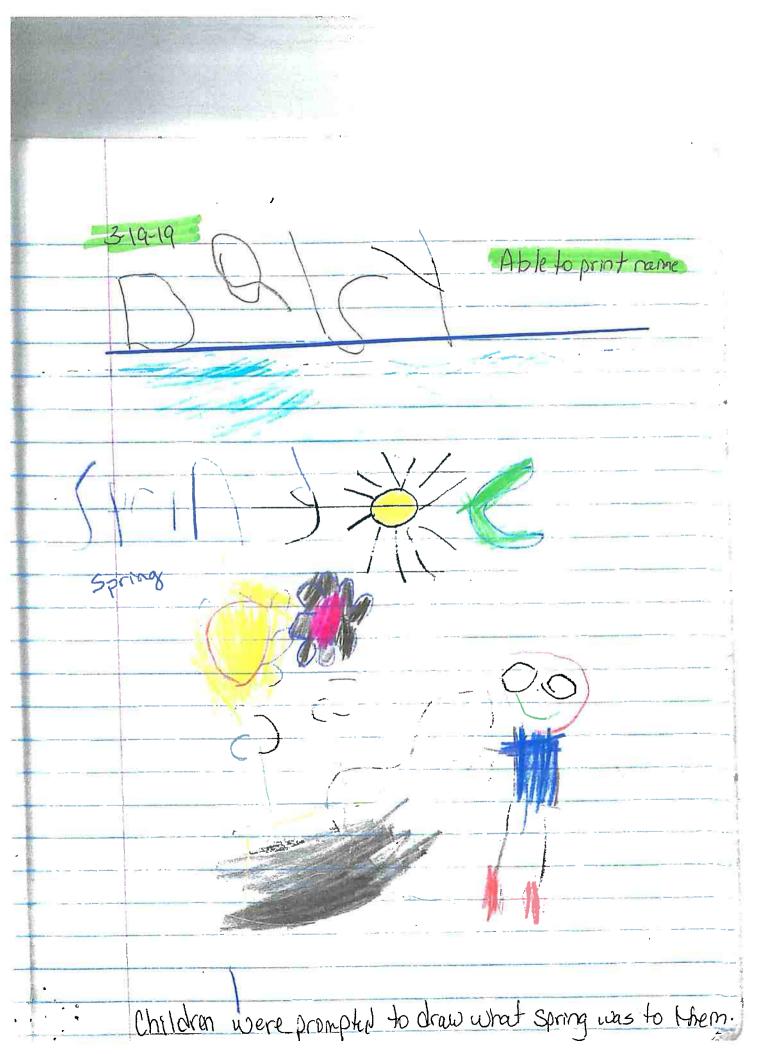
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