

2011-2012 Parent Testimonies



**"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell
where his influence stops"**

-Henry Adams

"Although my dream would be to have the opportunity to be a stay at home Mom, in today's economy, two incomes are needed to support a family. And, as all working parents will agree, finding committed, loving caregivers is crucial. My husband and I consider ourselves and our son very lucky to have found this at Children's Lighthouse. We are extremely particular about who takes care of our son, but we know that when we drop him off every day that he is in good hands. It makes the work day more bearable knowing that he is being cared for by knowledgeable, well-trained teachers that are truly focused on what is best for him. It gives us peace of mind that he is not just being babysat; instead, he's having a great time learning and playing all day! The peace of mind Children's Lighthouse has provided us is priceless, and we would recommend them to our family and friends without hesitation. we feel extremely blessed to be a part of the Children's Lighthouse family."

-Bethany and Frederick DeRocco

(Trace, Rm 8)

"Our family has been with Children's Lighthouse since February of 2006. Our daughter, Ainsley, started in Ms. Keesha's room and stayed at Lighthouse until she started kindergarten in 2008. Our son, Zack, joined Ainsley in 2008 and is now in Ms. Michelle and Mr. Juan's class.

Since 2006, we have been extremely happy with Children's Lighthouse. The staff and teachers all genuinely care about our children and definitely have their best interests at heart. Over the past five years, we have been happy with teachers our children have had and have not been anxious at all during the transition time to the next age group room. From the minute we walk in the door, we know that everyone at Lighthouse will take care of our children just as we would no matter which room they are in.

During our children's time at Lighthouse, we have watched them grow from toddlers in diapers, to quickly being potty trained, and then to being able to read before kindergarten. Children's Lighthouse prepares children so well for kindergarten that the process of starting elementary school is less stressful for them. Our daughter already knew the basic skills her classmates were learning in kindergarten. She just needed to concentrate on adapting to her new environment vs. adapting and learning how to write her name, count to 40, ect. I am confident our son will have the same experience.

Children's Lighthouse allows siblings of the children who are currently enrolled to go to the center when schools are on break. This is such a wonderful benefit for working parents because often times they don't have very many other options. we love this benefit as it eases some of the stress that can come with having children in different schools.

We recommend Children's Lighthouse to everyone we know who are looking for a great childcare center. When Zack goes to kindergarten in the fall of 2012, we will definitely miss our lighthouse family."

-Matt and Susie Jackson

(Zachary, Rm 10)

"'Amazing' is how I would define our experience at Children's Lighthouse. From my first moments at Lighthouse, the staff and teachers quickly put me at ease when my son and I had anxiety about switching center. Since that day, we have never looked back. The teachers, staff, curriculum, and even food are fabulous! Children's Lighthouse Learning Center embodies the definition of a lighthouse; they definitely provide the structure and powerful light to guide my son and other children to success! I highly recommend spending time researching centers, then visiting Lighthouse, I have no doubt you will fall in love just as we all have."

-Kevin and Jan Wise

(Wyatt, Rm 8)

"We have had our two daughters at Lighthouse and have been pleased with the level of care and education. Lighthouse is a safe environment for our children to learn. We have been most happy with the passion and love that the teachers have for the children."

-Richard and Monica Graves

(Emily, Rm 8 & Ali, Rm 4)

"Being a new parent is hard enough. After the dust settled and we arrived back home, reality started to set in. We realized, one day too soon, we too will have to go back to work.

Leaving my new baby was one of the hardest decision I had to think about as a new parent. My child has now been enrolled in your school for 4 months and every day, I confirm with my husband, we make the right choice. At work, we both hear stories of 'other places' and, we agree, this is the best place!

As an added bonus (people never tell you), having our child in daycare as opposed to with Grandma, has made him so social. He loves to meet new people and make new friends. We attribute this to his exposure to new people at daycare daily. Again, we are happy we chose your daycare each time we receive a compliment from strangers when our baby smiles at them! Thank you!"

-Kimi and Darrell Ramsey

(Bryce, Rm 2)

"I love Children's Lighthouse! The staff is friendly, the environment is friendly, everything about it makes you feel like your child is in good hands. My son had a hard time adjusting at first because he had only been watched by Grandma and Grandpa for the first two years of his life, but after about the 3rd or 4th week of school, HE LOVE IT! He already recognizes letters of the alphabet, he can count and he remembers songs they sing! I love the organized curriculum and all the different activities that are available for kids. I would recommend Children's Lighthouse to anyone that is looking for a fun, safe learning environment for their children!"

-Tera Nguyen

(Darlen, Rm 6)

"Children's Lighthouse is definitely the best daycare/preschool in Jacksonville. Both our children attended or is currently attending Children's Lighthouse. My son is currently enrolled in the 3 year old class and he loves school. All of the teachers are so caring and wonderful. It is such a wonderful feeling to see that the staff turnaround is so minimal. the same teachers that taught my daughter 4 years ago are still teaching there now. I'm so glad we are part of the Children's Lighthouse family. Great job everyone!"

-The Matharu Family

(Rajan, Rm 8)

"We love Children's Lighthouse! Not because the enrichment programs, great menu, or the wonderful facility. The most valuable resource the Children's Lighthouse has is the teachers. They are dedicated, fun, and skillful. When we were seeking the perfect place for our daughter, the minute we stepped inside the classroom, we knew we were home."

-The Rhyne Family

(Alice, Rm 8)

"My 9 month-old son, Maddox, started in the infant room when he was just 12 weeks old. The warmth and genuine care from his teachers helped with the adjustment of both me and my son as I went back to work. Every day when I drop him off at class I am confident he's going to have a fun day and is completely safe AND love by his wonderful teachers. I'm pretty sure Maddox feels the same way as he greets his teachers and staff everyday with a smile and excitement. As a parent, there's no better feeling than that!

Much appreciation to his teachers: Ms. Faie, Ms. Tracye, Ms. Virginia, Ms. Tricia, and Ms. Rachel. You are the best!"

-Tara Watson

(Maddox, Rm 3)

"We couldn't be happier to be part of the Children's Lighthouse family. Our daughter Chloe started when she was 2 months old and we have had nothing but complete faith and trust in your amazing staff, excellent programming, and spotless facility.

Chloe has developed such a bond with your teachers, as have I, and we're always thrilled with her milestones and the many skills she has learned with your team. As well, quite a few great tips and lesson that we've learned as new parents.

Every week our daughter spends more waking hours with the Lighthouse team than us as working parents. Everyone is always amazed at what a happy, social, and animated baby Chloe is and I absolutely credit so much of that to the love your teachers provide and the security she feels in her surroundings. The atmosphere is always so light, clean, and I always feel safe leaving Chloe in your care knowing your teachers will take as good of care, spend special time with, and treat our daughter as if she was their own. We love you guys!"

-Danny & Lindsay Powell

(Chloe, Rm 4)

"Our oldest daughter was a student at CLLC. Due to the fact that we had to relocate, we got to experience the level of other child care facilities. None of them compare to the gold standard that CLLC commits to their families. There was no question where we needed to put our second child when we were moved back to the area! Thank you for being the best!"

-Nadine Baker

(Alexa, Rm 3)

"We were blessed to be able to join the Children's Lighthouse family in March of 2011. In the past few months, we've seen Anadora blossom into the confident, smart, enthusiastic, happy and funny little girl she is today. I couldn't imagine her being anywhere else. We look forward to her finishing up her last few months before having to go to "big girl" school and can't wait to have our second daughter start in the spring as well. "

-Alica and Partrice Wassouf

"Over the past four plus years, our family has been blessed to have our children at Lighthouse. Here, they are taught values, character, and the academic program is second to none. Children's Lighthouse has become family. Our children love not only their teachers, but all of the teachers on staff. Each day, they show their appreciation through hugs. :)"

-Yvette and Cameron McIver

(London, Rm 10 & Lennox, Rm 6)

"Both of my sons have been attending Children's Lighthouse of Jax since 2009 and I consider myself extremely fortunate to have found such a wonderful place! Landon has been a part of the summer program and after-school care, and Keegan has attended the daycare for 3 years and now the VPK program.

Not only do I have peace of mind knowing they are in a clean, safe, caring environment, but they LOVE EVERY MINUTE! It is a place you can go where everyone knows you by name, whether they've ever had your children in their class or not. We are greeted every morning and night with warm smiles and happy faces. The boys have learned so much and have had the opportunity to be included in such a variety of activities from learning about different places around the world (especially enjoyable for Landon when he attended the "Flat Stanley" summer camp), delighting in the ability to participate in outdoor play on the enormous playgrounds (each designed age appropriately) which introduces exercise into their daily routine, to being educated on important issues like fire safety -- and they don't even realize they are learning valuable lessons because they are having so much fun!

I would, and have, recommend CLLC to all my friends and family! It is a magnificent feeling, especially as a working parent who has enough on their plate, to be able to leave your children in a place that you know you do not have to worry for a minute. Thank you CLLC for everything you do! We look forward to many more memories!"

-Tracy Mickey

(Keegan, Rm 10)

"Upon discovering we were expecting back in 2010, my husband and I immediately began researching childcare centers for our daughter. After visiting several other centers in our area, we were feeling somewhat lost and emotional about our decision to both return to work. That is until we visited the Children's Lighthouse. It was clear from the moment we walked through the front doors that this would be our choice. From the sunny, happy front office we experienced, warm, flexible, and helpful staff...our decision was easy and we have not looked back since.

Each day, the Children's Lighthouse staff further confirms that we mad the right decision; we appreciate the detailed updates on our daughter's day, the personal care her teachers provide and how happy she is to arrive each morning.

We look forward to many more years with the CLLC and hop other families will have the same opportunity."

-Pam and Justin Mazzetti

(Sophia, Rm 3)

"We started our son Wyatt in daycare just after he turned 6 months old. He is now 15 months, but we were enrolled at two other centers before we found Children's Lighthouse. The previous centers Wyatt attended were adequate, but we felt like our son was not getting the care and education he deserved.

We've been at Children's Lighthouse for two months and see a marked advancement in Wyatt's development. The whole staff is so friendly and takes time to get to know each child and the parents. Daily activities and learning time have greatly improved Wyatt's comprehension and communication skills. Children's Lighthouse is much more than just a daycare facility; it's a community for nurturing, growth, and education. We feel very safe sending him and our son loves going every day. We could not ask for more than that. Thank you so much for all that you do!"

-The Vaught Family

(Wyatt, Rm 4)