

PARENT REFERENCE LIST

This is a list of families who have been a part of our Little Foot family either currently or in the recent past. Please feel free to contact these families if you are looking for a parent's perspective on the school.

Rachel Hermansader

We have loved our experience with Little Foot preschool. Teacher Piper and her wonderful staff have created a special environment for kids to learn and grow. Our oldest is so jealous that her younger sister gets to go to LF in the fall. What's most notable for me is that they really teach social and emotional intelligence that sticks with the kids. I often hear my daughter repeating lessons she's learned from her teachers at Little Foot. Our daughter also really loved the extra enrichment programs and the special holiday themed activities. We went through 2020 with Little Foot and they handled the experience so well - cautious and with clear and direct communication. They also made it more bearable with fun Zooms and lots of art projects each week. Despite the pandemic, we met lots of nice families through the LF community. We love the Little Foot community and are so excited to be back in the fall with our youngest daughter.

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Jodee Virgo

Words cannot express my love for Little Foot Preschool. Piper and her team of incredible teachers provide such a warm, stimulating, and magical environment. As a psychotherapist, I love that their curriculum holds space for the whole child. They understand that PLAY is the most valuable teacher. My daughter, who suffers from severe food allergies, thrives under Little Foot's care and is excited to go to school every day. I know that my daughter is safe and loved every moment she is there. We're truly blessed to be able to attend such an incredible school.

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Amy Neuwelt

When searching for a preschool for our daughter, we hoped to find somewhere nurturing, fun, and engaging. Little Foot has exceeded all our expectations. The teachers are a strong and committed team who truly know our daughter and celebrate her individuality. They go above and beyond to make her feel accepted, loved, and special. They have also provided a ton of support and encouragement to us as parents! Bailey is now in her second year at the school and has learned so much. We continue to be blown away by the creative projects she brings home and the energy and enthusiasm of the teachers. Little Foot is truly an exceptional environment that has given our daughter the confidence and skills she needs to succeed.

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Gillian Schmitz

My child has been a part of the Little Foot community for two years and I can't say enough wonderful things about the teachers, the physical space, and the curriculum. The themes and the art they do at Little Foot just amaze me. During my child's first year she was one of the young kids, and now she gets to be one of the older ones. It has been really nice to watch her learning expand as she matures. Some of my favorite things about her coming home from preschool have been hearing her share about her day. Her vocabulary has grown so much. Just the other day she was telling me about show and tell, and she said, "My friends admired my book." She was proud and confident, and she knew I was impressed with her new vocabulary word. My child is happy and has developed many skills at Little Foot. She can write her name, paint a mural, sing songs, and do yoga. She has also learned friendship and kindness skills, developed her gross and fine motor, and has learned to be a respectful and responsible community member. I absolutely love the backyard at Little Foot. It is shady, big, and has a magical nature feel. While there are many wonderful things to say about Little Foot, I do have to give most of the credit to Piper and the teachers. We are greeted with smiles, and we feel welcomed. My older daughter even loves picking her sister up so that she can ask for a report and talk to the teachers herself. My little one talks about her teachers all the time, asks for hugs every day, and feels safe, loved, and cared for. I truly couldn't ask for a better place for my little one to learn and grow. I feel so grateful that we are a part of this community. Please feel free to email me anytime. I would be more than happy to share our experience with you.

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Jeanne Gerrity

Our son has had a wonderful experience at Little Foot over the past year and a half! He loves school and is very excited to go every morning, sprinting the last block and ringing the doorbell. He particularly loves the art projects and playing in the backyard. We've been impressed by the lack of staff turnover, and our son absolutely adores all the teachers. We were nervous about sending him to a new school during a global pandemic, but Little Foot's strict sick policy and careful precautions have kept everyone healthy.

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Sara Munday

We have loved being a part of the Little Foot family and having both our son and daughter go to the school. Little Foot has been such a positive experience for our kids — the smaller, home-based environment made the transition really easy. Piper and the teaching staff are both professional and loving — a rare combination that made us feel that the kids were always in good hands. I was always impressed with the breadth of activities going on at the school and how excited the kids were to share the fun projects they worked on or talk about the things they learned. We also really appreciated the focus on helping our little ones learn to be considerate, helpful and nice to others. Piper and the teachers are great listeners—always available to talk things through and help to follow through with things we were working on at home such as potty training or discipline. We really love the Little Foot community and have felt lucky to have met such wonderful parents and kids through the school!

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Manjari Chawla

My daughter started at Little Foot in the middle of the year. We were a little nervous about her transition since the other kids had been settled in for many months. But immediately the teachers at Little Foot welcomed Sanya and made her (and us) feel like part of the community. The teachers are warm, engaging, and energetic. Every day at pick up, the teachers eagerly share interesting tidbits about my child's day. The director, Piper, is wonderful and is not only hands-on at school, but is ready to support any issues at home. My son started at Little Foot this year. At his old day care, we would hear him say, "I don't want to go to school" almost every morning. Now, every morning he impatiently says "Hurry up I need to go to Little Foot!" That says it all!

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Nicole Johnson

Having been to three different preschools with my children, I can say without reservation that Little Foot is an amazing place! Piper and the teachers TRULY love what they do, and it is evident in the growth of the children, as well as in the environment itself. They take special care to make a "home away from home", and the kids feel that love with both the teacher and the other children. I have often come to pick my son up early, only to find him happily snuggled on a teacher's lap, or playing an in-depth pretend game with his little friends. While he's always happy to see me, seeing his happiness at school makes me confident in his growing independence.

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Anita Sil

We have had the privilege of having each of our two kids at Little Foot. We have been delighted with the care our children have received. The school is a very loving and nurturing environment, and all of the teachers, especially Piper Norris, have my complete respect and trust. Piper has a great instinct with children—she has studied and read a lot about childhood development, but I also feel that she is a "natural" with children and I have often gone to her for advice on developmental issues such as potty training, developing independence, separation anxiety, etc. I also think Piper has made excellent choices when hiring the other teachers—they are all loved by the children without compromising their status as authority figures. Our two children have very different personalities, but both flourished at Little Foot. I feel like the children are encouraged to achieve milestones at a pace that is appropriated for each child. There is a healthy balance between books, art, and music, manipulatives that enhance hand eye coordination, letters and outdoor play. It's a lovely environment to foster the growth of young children.

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Megan Connor

My first encounter with Little Foot was in the summer of 2010 on a tour. My son went to another daycare at the time and within an hour of the tour I had delivered a note to Piper with the many things that impressed me about the preschool and begged her to accept our application. We are now in the fifth of six expected years (and three children) with this wonderful program. Reflecting back on that note, my first impression has held true for the last several years. This is an environment that empowers our children, nurtures their individuality, and fosters imagination all within a protective and thematic construct that prepares them for a school setting as accountable people to others and the world around them. They are highly organized as an operation in a way that is incredibly helpful to working/busy parents but not at the expense of the unique needs of the children. The staff has worked with me on several developmental hurdles, they are never judgmental, always helpful/respectful. I appreciate their consistency as a team; they clearly respect each other and work well together. I trust them all implicitly. I highly recommend Little Foot and am happy to discuss my experience further if helpful.

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The Little Foot team really cares about the things that make each child unique. With our son and daughter, they nurtured and creatively developed the special qualities that make them the individuals they are now, and that they will become. Little Foot provides children with a caring and creative environment to begin to discover the world around them. From art projects to songs and plays, to fun and inspiring units on things that they LOVED exploring (planets, bugs, the ocean, families, safari animals, painters and artists and the list goes on...), Piper and the teachers kept us constantly surprised, and excited about each day in school. Beckett wouldn't be Beckett without the two years he spent at Little Foot. There wasn't a single day that he came home without having done something fun, learned about something important, and talked about some new exciting horizon to explore. We loved how much Piper's crew and we felt like a real team, and we especially valued how much they really, really LOVED each child. You don't get that just anywhere!

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