

Mount Pisgah Weekday School was a part of my life for over 12 years. I have four children and all four of them started at Mt. Pisgah when they were babies and stayed until the time came for kindergarten. Without the Weekday School, I honestly don't know how I could have been the mother to my children that they needed. Being a busy mom, I always enjoyed the time that I had while some or all of my kids were in school. It allowed me to spend time with my newborns as they came into the family while the older ones were playing, learning and being loved. It allowed me time to myself when they were all old enough to attend, much needed after years of tending to little ones. Knowing that my children were loved while I took a few hours to remember that I was more than someone that changed diapers, did laundry and cleaned the house, allowed me to find passions and remember that I was a person. God wanted me to take care of myself so that I could better take care of his treasures, the children given to me. The staff members at Mt. Pisgah helped me grow into a better woman. I consider the director of the school to be a mentor. She is a beautiful person and her love for children is obvious. You will not find better women than the women that work here! They helped me become a better mom. Being a mom is tough and raising children is one of the biggest challenges. It is a family at Mt. Pisgah, it always has been and it always will be. I have so many fond memories as I think back to the days when my children attended the weekday school. We were all nurtured and loved!

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My daughter started in the four-year-old class at Mt. Pisgah. She is a brave little soul, but worries about change and is very shy. We started those first few days with many tears followed by hugs from Mrs. Rhyne and Mrs. Apple as Kallie watched me go. Fortunately, Mrs. Rhyne and Mrs. Apple helped Kallie (and me!) through those tough times. Sooner than I imagined possible, she came out of her shell and loved every minute of her school days. She'd tell me happy stories of the neat things they did in class, the great books Mrs. Rhyne read, and all her playground adventures with new friends.

Kallie stayed for the Pre-K class with Mrs. Sharkey and Mrs. Brady. After her solid foundation of basic concepts and the notion that "school-is-fun" with the four-year-old class, she was thrilled to start Pre-K. The rich academic, social, and creative environment in their intimate class has laid a strong foundation for a love of learning. She's now in kindergarten and is better able to navigate the change to longer days and more classmates because she has this solid foundation. As a side note, her teachers felt such sincere affection for their students, and are so empathetic about the transition to kindergarten, that they sent her an encouraging postcard just prior to the new school year. It meant a lot to Kallie and to us.

The whole of the Mt. Pisgah experience for her – and for me – has been nothing but positive. Mrs. Ivy and Mrs. Wendy run a tight ship that is warm and inviting. We are very grateful for Mt. Pisgah in this household!

Jillian Barr Joncas

Dear Miss Ivy and Miss Wendy,

As the new school year approached, Bill and I often discussed how not being a part of the Weekday School would be an adjustment. Our boys are in a great school now, but there is something very special about MPWS that cannot be found anywhere else.

My first impression was working with Darlene during Jake's registration. She exemplified how things at MPWS are done—with kindness, professionalism and competence. Until the day our younger Ben graduated 7 years later, we still were so blessed for both our sons to see that with every encounter!

Every teacher, assistant and supplemental instructor truly cared for our children. As the school years progressed, it was so obvious that the relationship between our sons and their teachers grew. I recall many times getting unsolicited specific feedback that, to us, showed the teachers were truly paying attention to each child.

When both boys were in the Pre-K program, we were always amazed by the creative and fun ways academic concepts were taught and mastered by our children. Our boys loved to go to school, felt special and were above average in Kindergarten readiness!

And finally, the leadership that you two bring obviously trickles down to the quality instruction and character of the school. Bill and I don't ever think we saw either of you not smiling at each child or family every school morning. Your hearts were part of your smile every day!

Thank you for being a part of our family for so many years.

God Bless,
Barbie and Bill Kremer

My two children attended Mount Pisgah Weekday School from the 3 year old classes until they were ready for kindergarten. I couldn't be happier with our experience there. Mount Pisgah provides a nurturing environment with highly qualified, dedicated teachers who truly care about their students. My kids felt safe and loved there. It gave them a positive introduction to school with plenty of emphasis on social skills, gross & fine motor skills, and creativity. Both of my children made smooth transitions to kindergarten, and their kindergarten teachers were impressed with how prepared they were. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend Mount Pisgah Weekday School to anyone looking for a caring, high quality preschool.

Megan Kinser

As I began my search for a preschool in 2006 I quickly became overwhelmed by all the choices available. I decided to seek out advice by asking those who knew this subject best, other moms. I talked to friends acquaintances, and even total strangers I would meet at local playgrounds and parks. The one name that came up most often was Mt. Pisgah Weekday School. It was the closest to my home geographically so naturally I would “start” there. Well my search did in fact start there as planned and it also ended there. From my first steps through the doors in September 2006 to my final steps through the halls in May 2010 it was a blessing every step of the way. Two children, two graduations and five years later it still feels very much like “home”.

While there were a few growing pains along the way, mostly for me, those years hold beautiful memories for us all. Especially my children. The friendships forged, the places they visited on field trips, the parties and celebrations and even the weekly trips to chapel . . . each one special and unique. All part of what makes Mt. Pisgah a fun and loving place to be! We are grateful to Mt. Pisgah and the staff for helping us to nurture and guide our children, and for providing such a loving and secure environment for them to thrive in. We are blessed.

Kim Mathes

Four years ago we joined the Mount Pisgah Weekday School family. My daughters were 12 months and 3 years old at the time. We chose Mount Pisgah because of the glowing recommendations of friends and the warm environment we immediately felt when we toured the school. From the very first day my daughters arrived they enjoyed school. My youngest quickly took to her teachers and went through the door easily even at 12 months old. She knew she was loved and cared for there. My oldest, although very shy and timid entering the school each morning, always had a good day and was excited to return the next time. Mid way through our first year, the caring staff at Mount Pisgah brought to our attention, that there were some concerns with my three year old daughter. They presented these in a loving manner and we knew that they had her best interested at heart. This began what would become a long process of observations and frustrations, trying to pin down exactly what was going on with our sweet little girl. Her problems continued into her four year old classroom where they seemed to increase rather than diminish and once again her teachers came to us out of love and concern to address these issues. No one wants to believe that their child may have a serious issue to deal with, but with the support of our Mount Pisgah Family we kept digging away looking for answers. In the summer of 2009 our daughter was finally diagnosed with Asperger’s Syndrome. We decided to enroll her one more year in Mount Pisgah’s Pre-K program before jumping into Kindergarten. Over her Pre-K year, once again with the help and support of her teachers, she grew tremendously! They knew exactly what she needed to work on to face Kindergarten and to be successful. They did a beautiful job helping her come into herself! I am happy to say our daughter is now a happy, successful Kindergartener, with very few limitations. The sky is the limit for her and the journey to get there was supported with love the whole way by our Mount Pisgah Family! As I write this, I now am expecting our third child, and I have no doubt where he or she will attend pre-school: Mount Pisgah Weekday School here we come again!

Shannon Lopez

Dear Ms. Ivy,

I can't thank all of you enough for all that you have done for Jacob. Mt. Pisgah is truly the best preschool that there is. The staff is wonderful, the atmosphere is great, I just can't say enough about it. It is an honor to say that Jacob was a graduate of Mt. Pisgah Weekday School.

May God continue to bless you, the staff and all of Mt. Pisgah Weekday School.

Sincerely,
Becky Irwin

The best way I can describe Mt. Pisgah Weekday School is it is like an extended family. Teachers and staff truly care about your children and your family. They are there to help you with any problems and to celebrate your joys. I recommend Mt. Pisgah to anyone who is considering a preschool for their children. I am proud to say that my children attended Mt. Pisgah Weekday School.

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I LOVE Mt. Pisgah! My oldest son just started his 4th year with the weekday school and my youngest started his first year in the PMO class. Both are so excited every morning to go to school. They are learning so much and having fun while doing it. The staff at Mt. Pisgah makes it their priority to make sure the environment for the children is loving and nurturing as well as an educational environment. They openly welcome parent/guardian involvement. It's a fabulous preschool and I have been more and more impressed year after year.

Jennifer Yates

After moving to Greensboro in 2006 with a newborn child our family was looking to make connections in a nurturing and supportive environment. Talking with people in the community Mt. Pisgah Weekday School was frequently mentioned. We interviewed and visited a few schools in the area and it was clear that Mt. Pisgah had the curriculum and structure we were looking for. Each school day starts with my child and I being greeted by name from the Director or her staff. We love the attention to detail in developing a relationship with every family and making them feel welcome. Walking my child into class each day provides the opportunity to unite with his teachers and helps me stay connected with his education. Each year I can say that my child has had a teacher who has been genuinely interested in his growth academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Mt. Pisgah has done an excellent job in providing a nurturing environment so children can learn through play and hands on experiences. My child and I are lucky to be part of the Mt. Pisgah family and that is something we cherish.

Heather Habeeb

We cannot thank Mt. Pisgah Weekday School enough for giving our daughters such a fantastic preschool experience. Both of our children attended Mt. Pisgah Weekday School since they were the age of 2. Our girls are now 6 and 8 and still speak so highly of their beloved preschool.

The staff at Mt. Pisgah is absolutely brilliant in the ways they genuinely love our children and help them develop into secure and educated children. The teachers always give parents continual feedback and let you know how your child is doing in the class. I personally like that you get to know your child's teachers and their classmates. Parent involvement is the perfect amount, as much or as little as your life allows. During our oldest daughter's first two years at Mt. Pisgah I was not able to volunteer my time because I had our younger daughter. As my girls became older, I was able to contribute more time to their classrooms and volunteer my time for things like Teacher Appreciation Week.

Again, we cannot say enough wonderful things about Mt. Pisgah Weekday School and their staff and how they were such a critical factor in our daughters' educational and personal growth during these precious preschool years. Even though our daughters are in elementary school now, I still come back to Mt. Pisgah to substitute from time to time. I truly believe in Mt. Pisgah's curriculum and loving environment and enjoy watching the children flourish here.

Thanks Mt. Pisgah Weekday School & Staff, you are truly a wonderful place for children.

The Fotopoulos Family
Kelly, George, Alexandra & Kiki