

Making friends & making music



September 26th, 2018

Dear Parker,

Today we went over to the Seahorse Yard for music with Teacher Annie and our other friends. I watched you for the first time approach Teacher Annie and the two of you had a conversation about her guitar. She offered you to touch the guitar or strum on the strings if you wanted to. You were a little apprehensive at first, but you eventually did begin to strum on the strings a bit, and explore the guitar while Teacher Annie told you about the different parts of the guitar. Hearing the music you made by strumming the guitar strings put a smile on your face.

Watching this sweet interaction was truly heart warming and exciting to watch you explore something new!

With love, Heather



What this means:

This was quite the interaction to watch, because at times you are apprehensive with newer faces. You have taken your time and been at your own pace to get comfortable with Teacher Annie. This was your first real interaction with her, and it was so amazing to watch. You are beginning to get to know and trust people that you aren't familiar with. We have been having conversations with you before we go over to see Teacher Annie, and I think us letting you know what is about to happen before it happens, has helped you to be able to prepare yourself for a "new to you" experience. Creating a relationship with Annie will help allow you to join your friends in the enjoyment of our weekly music time. Where we get to sing songs, play instruments, and dance.

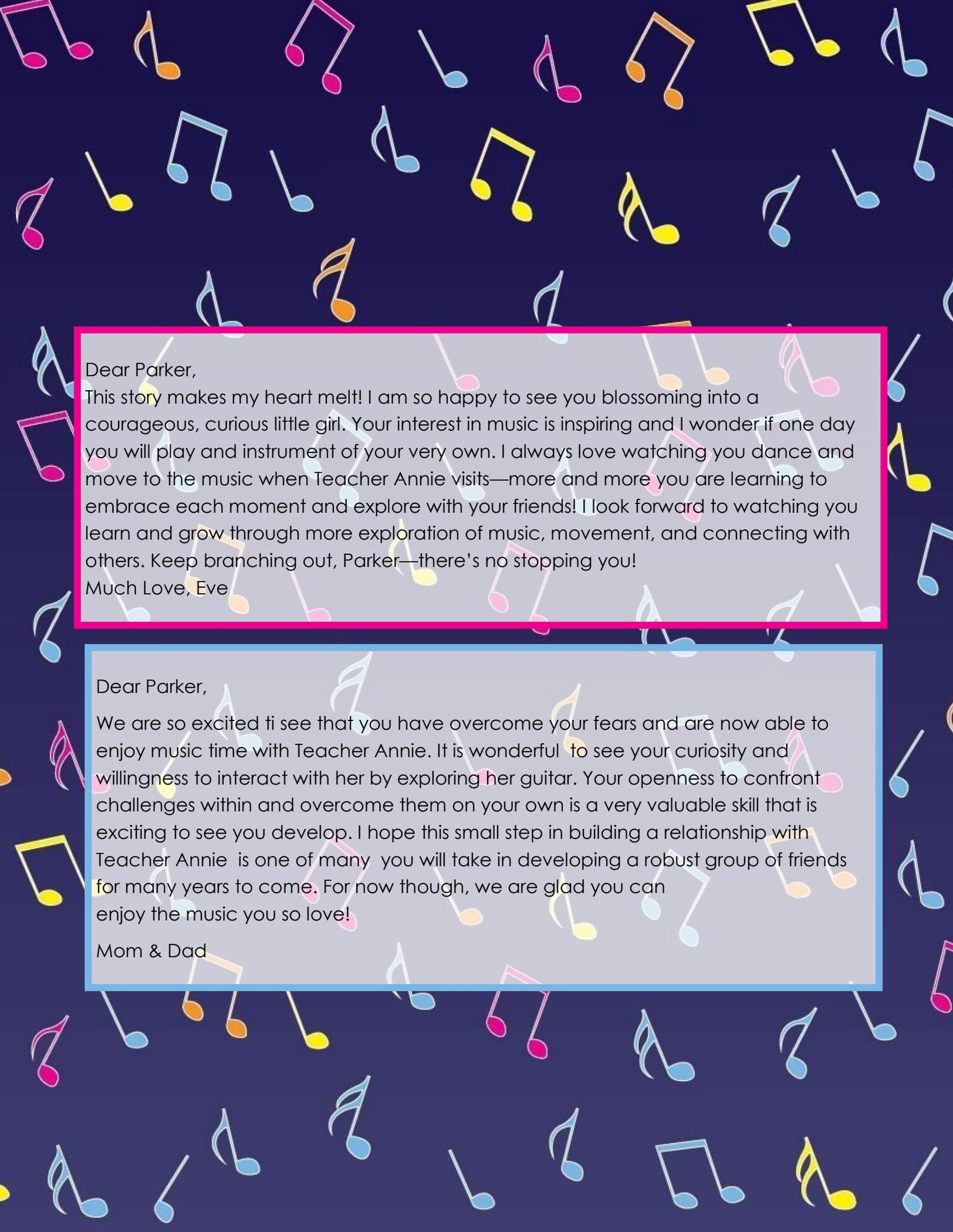


Opportunities and possibilities:

We will be continuing to see Teacher Annie for music each week, I look forward to seeing how your interactions with her grow. Sometimes Annie brings different instruments like Maracas or her piano, it will be interesting to see how you use those with her as well. Also this shows us that you are able to build relationships with people that you may be unsure of / that are unfamiliar to you. That will be a skill that you will be using in the near future, as you will be transitioning to a new classroom in January. You will be creating all sorts of new relationships when that happens.

Parent / Teacher response:

Dear Parker,
Yay! You have come so far in your relationship with Teacher Annie! In previous weeks you may have admired music from a distance or in a caregiver's lap. I'm so happy to know that our efforts to help you feel safe and secure have supported an exploration of music with teacher Annie. You have showed us that with reassurance and space you can warm up to uncomfortable situations/people. Strum on!
Love, Karina



Dear Parker,

This story makes my heart melt! I am so happy to see you blossoming into a courageous, curious little girl. Your interest in music is inspiring and I wonder if one day you will play an instrument of your very own. I always love watching you dance and move to the music when Teacher Annie visits—more and more you are learning to embrace each moment and explore with your friends! I look forward to watching you learn and grow through more exploration of music, movement, and connecting with others. Keep branching out, Parker—there's no stopping you!

Much Love, Eve

Dear Parker,

We are so excited to see that you have overcome your fears and are now able to enjoy music time with Teacher Annie. It is wonderful to see your curiosity and willingness to interact with her by exploring her guitar. Your openness to confront challenges within and overcome them on your own is a very valuable skill that is exciting to see you develop. I hope this small step in building a relationship with Teacher Annie is one of many you will take in developing a robust group of friends for many years to come. For now though, we are glad you can enjoy the music you so love!

Mom & Dad