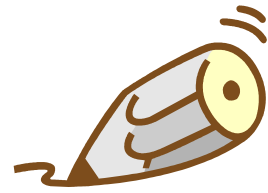


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GCS Kindergarten was the best choice we could have made for our children's educational beginning. It opened the doors to an exciting world of learning - the small class size, individual attention, warm and family-like atmosphere proved to be an invaluable beginning to life-long learning. Caring, dedicated teachers and staff working toward the same goal of a first-class educational experience.

Kathleen & Randy Barron

Parents have many options when considering their children's education. The decision of sending my daughter to GCS Kindergarten was probably the best choice I've made, yet. The student/teacher ratio alone was impressive, with a 13:2, ratio. The teachers were terrific! The programs and lessons were nicely balanced to make learning enjoyable while improving skills in reading, writing, arithmetic, creativity, self-discipline, confidence and social interaction. When my daughter completed Kindergarten, there was no doubt she was prepared for whatever 1st grade would bring.

Diane Davis

The Groton Community School Kindergarten program was amazing! The rich curriculum mixed with the warmth of the staff gave my son a memorable Kindergarten year. He was more than prepared for first grade!"

Christine Cline

My now 10 year old son had a wonderful experience with the Groton Community Kindergarten. He still remembers... many highlights of his kindergarten days. The GCS Kindergarten program provided him with an environment where he thrived both emotionally and academically. The program offers a well rounded curriculum and small class size at an excellent value. Each child receives individual attention when needed while also engaged in the dynamic of working with peers in a group setting. The experience left him well prepared for the academic and social challenges that come along in elementary school. If I had more children that were entering kindergarten, I would not hesitate to send them to GCS.

Lori Healy

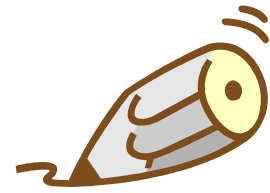
Our twin girls had an amazing academic and social kindergarten experience at GCS. The lessons that they learned have allowed the girls a smooth transition into First Grade, where they are flourishing.

Betsy Kehoe

As parents of two GCS kindergarten alumni, we were impressed that the children were surrounded by music from the first day and produced highly entertaining performances for an elderly daycare center every six weeks. Those performances gave our children a sense of community outreach as well as a lot of self-confidence that has been invaluable as they progress

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in their academics. Both of our children benefited from the greater individualized attention and smaller class size. We also believe the smaller class size helped us identify learning issues with one of our children that would not have been caught by the public schools for several years. That child went on to attend the full day kindergarten program at Groton-Dunstable Regional so we were able to directly compare the two programs. Even with only half the class time, the GCS Kindergarten program was so much more enriching compared to the more standard public kindergarten program.

Krista Ingram & Dave Hill

My son attended kindergarten at Groton Community School during the 2003-2004 academic year. After two enriching years of preschool at GCS, it was an easy decision for my husband and me to enroll Harry in the GCS kindergarten program. We felt that a positive kindergarten experience would ensure a strong foundation for Harry's continued education, and we strongly believed that GCS was the best place to provide that type of experience.

The GCS kindergarten program nurtured Harry's unique qualities, encouraged his independence, and provided many opportunities for him to learn and grow. I always felt that the wonderful teachers and staff at GCS respected children's parents as their primary teachers, and therefore valued parental involvement and parent-teacher teamwork in educating each child.

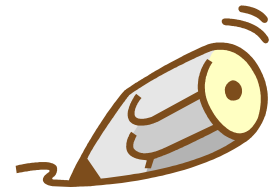
Harry was so proud to graduate from kindergarten. I still remember the word he coined to describe the experience: "congratuate." What a fitting term to describe an event that celebrates both the culmination of many accomplishments and joys, and the beginning of exciting new opportunities in elementary school.

My husband and I swell with pride as Harry continues to excel in school. What brings us even more joy than his academic success, however, is the pure and obvious love of learning that he exhibits in all aspects of his life. We appreciate so very much the role that GCS played in nurturing that love.

Nicole Perrault

Our daughter attended Kindergarten at Groton Community School in part because we were looking for a new home in the area at the time and we didn't know what town we'd end up in and did not want to end up pulling her out of school as well. We'd loved the experience our family had from the time she was in the toddler room all the way through pre-k. She was also a regular "big roomer" at GCS. We knew that no matter where our new house was, our daughter would be in a place where she was comfortable at school. As for many other families, tuition was a consideration, but it was one more year and we knew she would get a great education. The class size could not be beat! ...She had a very close class. The children learned to be responsible not only for their own things, but for their time as well. They had tasks in each area of study to accomplish each day. They also had homework most nights. They had an opportunity to continue with the Lively Letters program, and even did a show at "Graduation"

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for their families. They learned how to create their own books, which parents got to read and the children were very proud of. Incidentally, when our daughter got to first grade and their class created their own books, it was nothing for her, because it was already something she'd learned how to do. They had many opportunities to be themselves and be creative and not be so regimented as in public schools, where classes are larger and the main focus is really on control of the class, not the individual child. Our daughter really started first grade ahead of her peers academically as well as socially.

In addition, there were so many extras that GCS Kindergartners participate in. They continue their relationship with Patty Barr (Creative Movement Instructor), as well as with the other teachers that they are already familiar with. They have a great opportunity for mentoring the younger children, whether on the playground or in the big room. They also went on a number of field trips and performed special shows for their schoolmates and families as well as attendees of RiverCourt adult day care facility in West Groton... I believe the children also felt a great sense of accomplishment after their shows and it made them feel good to know that they brightened the days of so many people. Also, as a parent, it is so great to be able to stop by any time unannounced and help out in the classroom or share lunch or snack with the children.

In all, we were all very happy with our daughter's experience in Kindergarten at GCS. I think we all still miss it.

Lisa and John Wood