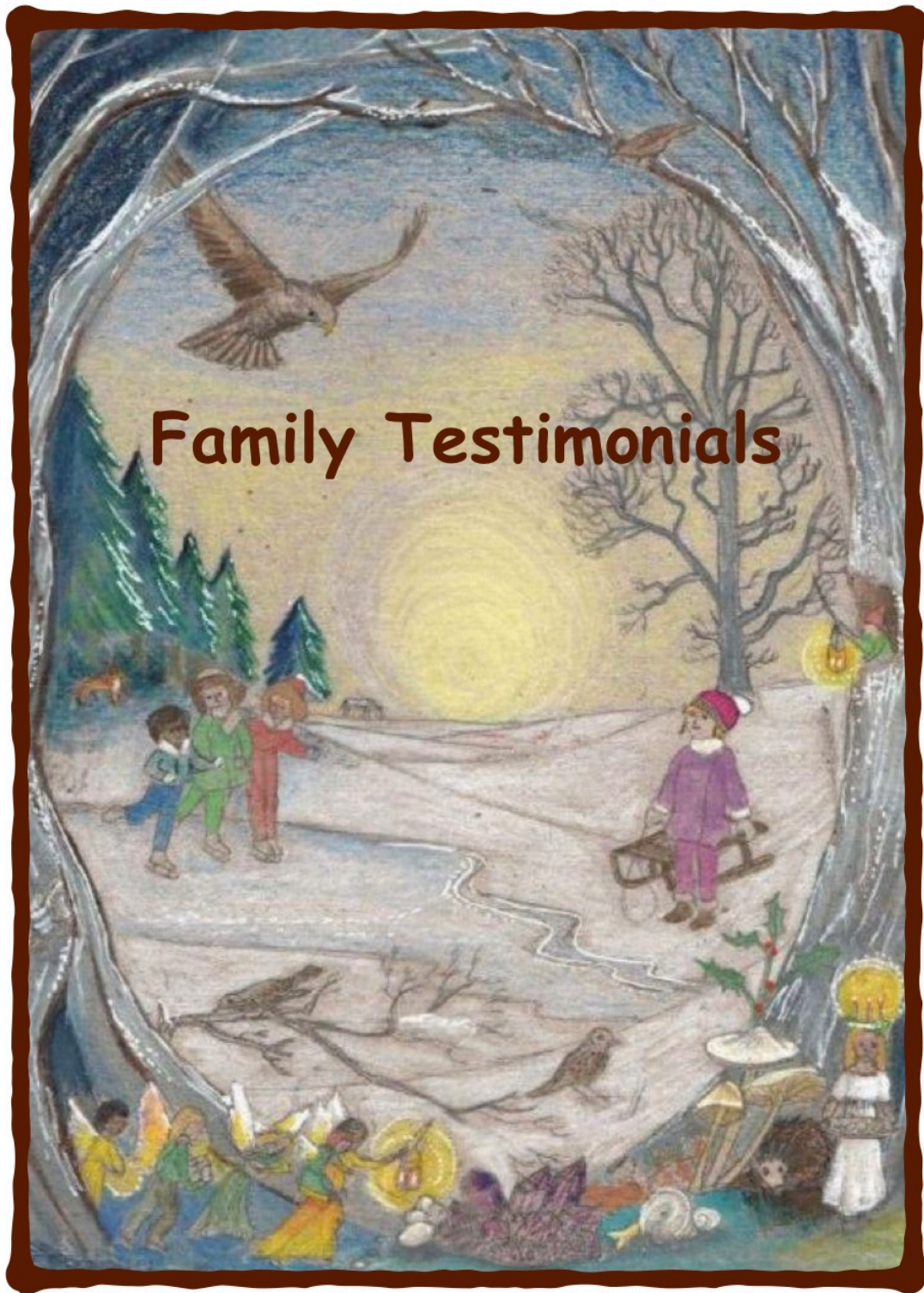


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"Kids walk in the door and they're just rapt. There's an immersiveness to Singing Tree. It's not just theater. I really appreciate the intentional, educational underpinnings to what the kids are doing. It's such a thoughtful environment and structure that they don't know they're learning while they play. But they're learning a ton. As a parent it's so nice to be thrilled about where your kid is going. When I drop her off at school I don't wonder if she's going to be okay or if it's going to be worth her time. We get so accustomed to thinking in terms of trade-offs and I don't think we're trading anything off. It's play and learning. It's outside experience. It's art. It's student relationships. It's awesome. And the fact that we get pictures? It's amazing. It's just so incredibly sweet."

-Jake (Father of Attica)

"Teacher Mirandy is wonderfully in tune with her preschoolers, which is not surprising, because everything she does, from relationship to the way the classroom is set-up, is so intentional and full of love. When she is talking to a kid it is like the whole world disappears and all she sees is them and all they see is her and I can tell my daughter feels so special and full of connection in those moments. It is like the sun is shining on her and she is basking in it. And teacher Mirandy does this for every single kid. What a gift. I love that teacher Mirandy is not afraid to teach us things as parents. Her emails are thoughtful and full of great ideas about how to connect with our children and great reminders about what they are going through developmentally. They are also full of ways to connect what they are doing at school with life outside of school. I find teacher Mirandy's approach

with kids and with parents to be very respectful and honest. We are so happy to have found Singing Tree! Thank you Mirandy for making Attica's first experience with school so magical!!"

-Jean (Mother of Attica)

"Singing Tree is magical. I love the name Singing Tree. I love teacher Mirandy. She is friends with all of the fairies. There are fairies that take care of the toys. Teacher Mirandy turns into a mermaid in the water. For real."

-Attica (age 4)

"We absolutely adore Miss Mirandy and Singing Tree. My daughter is in her second year here and always looks forward to going to school each day. She has developed the sweetest friendships, brings home songs, rhymes and poems to share with our family that she's learned, and is also honing invaluable life skills at school (like putting on her own coat!). It has been really fun to watch her start out as a younger classmate her first year and blossom this year into a leader- I know Miss Mirandy was an integral part of that growth.

Miss Mirandy has such a kind and welcoming way with the children- she is friendly and bubbly in all the ways that a preschool teacher should be. She speaks with respect and honesty to the children and has a way of facilitating cross conversation between the children that is amazing to watch. Her classroom space has been curated with intention and detail. It is warm and fun to be in, and there is magic in the air there (seriously). I am also very impressed with how she weaves her curriculum seamlessly into play-based activities, I can see how these are the building blocks for math, science and reading later on, but without being overly

academic for this age. My only wish is that there was a kindergarten program offered so we could continue for the third year."

- Aleah (Mother of Stella)

"From the moment the children first walk in to Singing Tree Preschool they are greeted with such a warm, calm and nurturing energy from Mirandy. Mirandy has created a magical and open environment for children to grow with and from each other. The beginning of the day starts with all of the children around a community table to make an art project or be involved in an activity, it really helps bring the children together. The variety of art projects astounds us! From paint, to wood, to felt and so much more!

Most noticeable in our son Sam, has been a miraculous leap in imaginative play. But not only that, he has learned how to contribute as part of a community, which includes taking turns with coveted toys and helping to clean up! Sam took a little while to warm up to the idea of being without his core family for the first time. Mirandy put in great effort to brainstorm with us on how best to help Sam with this major transition. This kind of effort has made such a difference in not only Sam's life but ours as his parents as well. I could not recommend this preschool experience more! Mirandy is magic!"

-Grace (Mother of Sam)

When asked what he likes about Singing Tree and Mirandy, Sam exclaims "I like playing with Mirandy! She helps me by picking me up when I'm sad. She plays with us, and my friends are there to play with me. My favorite is ice cream shop time at preschool."

-Sam (age 3 1/2)

"What I appreciate about Ms. Mirandy and Singing Tree is that she interacts with all children unconditionally, giving them the caring compassionate attention that they need. She doesn't have a set expectation that they all have to try to fit into. She appreciates the unique nature of all of our children, celebrates them for who they are and let's them grow from there. She does this in such a instinctual way, something that I strive to do as a parent. I can really see how it has helped my son's self-esteem.

-Amanda (Mother of Oliver & Clara)

"From the moment I walked through the doors of Singing Tree, I knew it was the perfect place for Inde. The beauty, creativity, intentionality, organization, and magic of the classroom and playground engaged my daughter completely from the first moment. Add to that Mirandy's profoundly caring, respectful, inspiring, magical Presence, and a group of wonderful children and families, and it is a recipe for fun, growth, education and true community. My daughter always come home from school happier, healthier, and fulfilled from this nourishing, creative and loving experience called Singing Tree. She is so excited about her group of school friends and everything they get to do and explore together. We're grateful for another year of goodness in front of us! Thank you for this special place and experience you have created, Mirandy. It has rippled into a feeling of well being and belonging for our entire family, knowing that Inde is so safe, engaged and loved."

-Sylvie (Mother of Inde)

"McKinley has attended Singing Tree for 2 years. We have loved it and think that McKinley has hugely benefited from his time there. The parent guidelines (drop off times, communication how-tos, etc) were easy to understand and look up if forgotten. We received lots of pictures of McKinley playing with the other kids too, he has made some good friends. McKinley loves to be creative and artistic, and gets a lot of freedom to make things with Miss Mirandy's support and providing the space/materials/teaching clean up. McKinley has also learned a lot about cleaning up after himself and washing his hands. He has also learned a lot of independence in many areas. We hear him singing new songs too that he learned at school. Miss Mirandy was sure to address all of our questions/concerns when we were deciding what to do a couple of years back. I also liked the parent(s)/child visit day before school began. Miss Mirandy is easy to communicate with and very sweet and also super great with kids. Miss Mirandy has a great space that the children do very well in. We are very happy with our experience there."

-Rebecca and Matt (Parents of McKinley)

"Everything is my favorite at Singing Tree."

- McKinley (age 4)

"I am continually surprised by my son coming home from Singing Trees with new sweet ways of being. Mirandy creates an environment where authentic, compassionate communication is the norm. The kids soak it right up!"

-Lauren (Father of Ciel)

"Miss Mirandy is magic. This is reflected in the beaming smile she has for each child as they greet the new school day; the warm, serene, whimsical, and safe space she has created for the kids to learn and grow together as a community; and the sincere love she has for each child as they are. She holds each child's spirit up and nurtures their learning through interactive stories, imaginative play, open-ended art, fun music, relevant books, tactile projects, and general inquisition.

My daughter brings home life skills and social skills alongside how-the-world-works. Her love for music and her story-telling ability has also been piqued, bringing much joy and entertainment into our house. Singing Tree has exceeded our expectations of preschool and has given my daughter pride and ownership over her own growth and learning and community. I wish for my daughter to forever remember Miss Mirandy's subtle lessons in self-love, confidence, tolerance, and respect; and may she always carry a little bit of Miss Mirandy's Magic Wishing Dust as she forges ahead into the wide world."

Thank you for teaching our daughter about life, and community, and belief, and fairies, and books, and magic, and love, and wonder, and trust. Thank you for guiding our family along a path of love and light, and for nurturing our souls. When life has gotten scary or dark, your love, and security, and beautiful beaming Singing Tree community of kids confirmed to me that Meloceane's spirit is held, and honored, and that everything will be ok. I always knew you were looking out for my most beloved attachment to this world."

- Merilee (Mother of Meloceane)

"Miss Mirandy is a mermaid. For real life! I'm not even joking! I love you, and you're my best teacher."

- Meloceane (age 5)

"There is no question that Mirandy puts her whole heart and soul in to Singing Tree preschool. Every morning, the children walk in to a tidy and welcoming space filled with cozy nooks, beautiful toys, and wonderful sensory opportunities. They are greeted with a warm, calm smile and race to the table to see what Miss Mirandy has in store for them. The day always begins with an engaging and tactile project - sewing, fiber projects, seasonal sensory bins, messy art... it is hard to say goodbye and not jump right in to the activity myself! On the mornings when a child is feeling shy or not ready to let go of parents, Mirandy can seamlessly take that child under her loving wing without missing a beat with other classmates. She infuses the day with beautiful rhythms, routines and playful magic. I love the emphasis on story telling and singing, as those sweet moments are often re-told with such excitement at the end of the day - it is so fun to try to decipher what book adventure Mirandy took the kids on. Luckily, we as parents don't have to do much guessing, as Mirandy is a thoughtful and clear communicator. She sends sweet photos to the parents about the happenings in the classroom, encouraging us to nudge more conversation out of our little ones. She communicates with honesty and clarity about challenges and milestones and is willing to offer parenting strategies or answer questions if there are issues that need to be worked on at home. Miss Mirandy is the perfect balance of calm and energy; practicality and whimsy; structure and play; teacher and artist; boundary and leap. She has created a safe, nurturing, creative, beautiful space that we feel so lucky to be a part of."

- Joanna (Mother of Thatcher)

"Mom...did you know Mirandy used to be a mermaid? A REAL. LIVE. MERMAID."

- Thatcher (age 3)

"Singing Tree has been a very special place for my twins. It's been a place where they are safe, supported and encouraged to expand those little minds. Mirandy is passionate about early education and in making learning not just fun and engaging but making learning **MAGICAL!** Their love and enthusiasm for school is so infectious. When we enter the gates of Singing Tree my kids are off and running into their own little world. That world consists of Teacher Mirandy, their friends, and a host of others-fairies, dinosaurs, worms, and a hundred other things both real and imaginary. When I pick them up they are bursting with stories to tell me and little tidbits from their day. When it's not a school day there are tears! She will tell me at pick up of something sweet that one of my kids did or something funny that one said. As a mom of twins I especially appreciate how Mirandy sees each child for the special, unique little being that they are. She truly does see them this way and she shares that with us parents. I have the greatest admiration for people who are true masters at their profession. Mirandy is one such person. Her love for kids and enthusiasm for early childhood education shines through so brightly in everything she does. Singing Tree is a special little gem in this special little gem of a town."

- Ann (mother of Phoebe & Logan)

"It's difficult to know where to start in describing what a safe, magical, exciting, calm, nurturing, yet fostering of independence kind of place Singing Tree Preschool is. Miss Mirandy has a true gift in her ability to see children. She's sees who they are and quietly encourages them each. She's a champion of all children.

My son, who is too nervous to stay with anyone but his parents and very close friends, felt at ease with Miss Mirandy by day three and sometimes struggles to get to sleep because he "just really wishes it was morning so I can go to my singing

tree school." This place is sheer magic. On a practical note, he has learned the skills to share with his peers and express frustration in a downright adult manner. He still struggled with lashing out when he started the school year and after just two months, he "takes space" when he's bummed and comes back having worked himself through the frustration. I mean, we'd have world peace if we all had that skill.

Our children are our worlds. Our most precious people. There is no place else that I could feel that my son was so well understood and championed. Singing Tree and Miss Mirandy are a community treasure. She is a top notch educator, and we are deeply grateful to have found singing tree.

Miss Mirandy, You are a stunning soul and woman. You've mothered my child in a way I never could. I can't even begin to thank you. You have changed Argus' life forever. You have taught him what I like to call "world peace." If we could all practice your teachings, there would be no war. You have given that to Argus and have my deepest respect. We will forever cherish you and your contribution to our family."

- Tobi (Mother of Argus)

Questions Mama Tobi asked Argus:

What have you learned at Singing Tree?

"How to respect people and be kind and to talk to each other instead of fight."

How has Miss Mirandy influenced you?

"Wait, what does influence mean again?...oh yeah. She taught me to sit and listen in very hard times."

Do you feel prepared for kindergarten?

"Yes! I feel prepared like a gorilla!"

- Argus (age 5)

"About my school, I think that it's fun and great and very, very powerful and all the things I love is the area where kids can play. I love you miss Mirandy"

"I like this school because there is so much love here."

- Argus (age 3)

"Singing Tree is a wonderful space full of what my son calls 'Mirandy Magic.'

Mirandy has been a patient and responsive teacher to my little one. Her educational approaches are carefully planned and creative. She is a great communicator, often relaying fun stories and triumphs that occur and is willing to talk about any concerns we may have. We feel so lucky to have Singing Tree as our child's first educational experience."

- Sarah (Mother of Elliot)

"My son Jack has flourished at Singing Tree. He comes home from school full of news about his day and exhausted, in the best way possible. Mirandy's kindness and true understanding of her tiny students, combined with the attention she has put into every detail of her school, make Singing Tree a very special place."

- Christa (Mother of Jack)

"When we enrolled our son at Singing Tree my husband and I felt that our son would be receiving a playful, magical, positive approach to allowing our child to create, explore and learn at his own level and interest. This being his first school experience it was important to us that he enjoyed / looked forward to coming each week. Miss Mirandy has been such an inspiring teacher who always has a joyful outlook and whom I feel very comfortable expressing my thoughts, concerns and happy milestones with."

- Terra (Mother of Ellis)

"I like the way miss Mirandy reads me stories and I like when she plays market with me."

- Ellis (age 3)

"Ms. Mirandy has been a part of our lives since our daughter was 5 months old, when she was the leader of the children's library story time. When I heard she was opening up her own school, I was ecstatic. From the day I met her, I knew there was something extraordinary about Ms. Mirandy. In the past 4 months, my daughter has flourished socially, behaviorally and academically, at Singing Tree Preschool. She has become quite the 'reader' and teller of stories. Ms. Mirandy is able to create an environment where all children can thrive, have fun, be nurtured, challenged, and loved. That is a special gift and we will be forever grateful."

- Danielle (Mother of Tabitha)

"I walked into Singing Tree Preschool and was struck by the thought and intention behind the placement of each-item/area of the classroom. It is beautiful and sends you into an imaginative mindset immediately. As a parent of a student, I couldn't be happier to send my child there. Mirandy is sensational with children and an incredible story teller. The welcoming and creative atmosphere that Mirandy has created in the classroom is sure to expand learning minds!"

- Kirsten (Mother of Angus)

"Boden cherishes the time he spends at Singing Tree. As a mother I feel extremely fortunate to be able to gift him this, and to feel total confidence in Mirandy and the space she holds. It is a magical place, safe, inspiring, and wholesome. Singing Tree is a wonderful addition to Port Townsend's preschool community."

- Lea (Mother of Boden)

"So, is it Mirandy day?!?"

- Boden (age 3)

"Our daughter truly loves attending Singing Tree Preschool. She enjoys the outside play time, creative art time, and circle (singing) time. As her parent, I appreciate the fact that she is always ready and willing to go to school, and always comes home with a smile on her face. It is fun receiving the lovely creative art that she brings home as well. We plan on enrolling our youngest child when she becomes old enough to attend."

- Starla (Mother of Miriam & Lydia)

"When I first walked into Singing Tree Preschool it took my breath away. The classroom is gorgeous and mesmerizing. By the end of the visit I was wishing that I was 4 years old again so I could attend! My son who is sometimes shy going to new teachers and groups, has always been excited to go to class. Mirandy knows just how to engage him the moment he walks in the door. Before opening her preschool, I've worked with Mirandy on other activities and she is consistently organized and full of great ideas. I would highly recommend her preschool to anyone looking for a perfect introduction to the magic of learning."

- Kimberly (Mother of Curtis)

"Ms. Mirandy has been AMAZING for my little shy guy! Her magic fairy dust inspires great stories and the different types of art she explores with the children from felting, paper mâché birds nests to growing their own bean stalks have been an incredible exploration for all the children! Ms Mirandy just may be the magical mermaid all the children are convinced she is! We feel incredibly grateful that our son is able to attend Singing Tree full time for two years! I only wish Ms Mirandy taught every grade level, it will be hard to say good bye next year!"

- Katie (Mother of Henry)

"Mirandy the Mermaid, I like you. I like your Singing Tree School. I will miss you. I like the treasures you find. And I like your face. I love you Miss Mirandy!"

- Henry (age 5)

"Words cannot even begin to explain how wonderful and magical Miss Mirandy is. My son adores her! We have known Mirandy since my son was 6 months old, when Mirandy was the Children Story time leader. Once Mirandy opened her own preschool, I knew we wanted to be a part of it. Miss Mirandy has created a preschool with a warm a welcoming heart. She has so much compassion for our tiny humans. Each day I see our son flourishing from his days at school. He comes home with amazing arts and crafts, stories, songs, and so much joy from a day of learning. It warms my heart to have our son attend such a special place within our community. Miss Mirandy is a treasure!"

-Sarah (Mother of Hudson)

"I love school! Miss Mirandy's art table is the best!"

- Hudson (age 3)

"I am so happy knowing Max gets to experience the world via you and the environment you create. He comes home energetically free and nourished, like he's been filled with breath he was needing."

Love & Gratitude,

- Jesse (Mother of Max)

"I like school because you get to see Miss Mirandy very often."

Abraham (age 3)

"This is the best kind of school I have ever had."

Agnes (age 5 1/2)

"Having the opportunity for Joey to be enrolled at Singing Tree has sincerely been the best choice for our family. Miss Mirandy is the most genuine, nurturing, kind and patient person I've ever encountered. We love that children are allowed to explore and use their imagination to be individuals. Each and every day Joey comes home, he is a little bit bigger. Mirandy leaves doors wide open to wonder and creativity, while also sneaking in those valuable life skills. She is truly magical and she shares her gift of understanding little ones so wonderfully. Even we, as parents, have the chance to learn and absorb what Mirandy gives so freely. We are very grateful to have found Singing Tree...we wouldn't want anyone else to help mold this first learning experience!"

- Lacey (Mother of Joey)

"Singing Tree school is just so awesome. I love Miss Mirandy, especially when she reads stories to me. She is pretty magical, you know?"

- Joey (age 4)

