

# The Kinder Stars Year-End Celebration: Children Share Sign Language and Learning and Love



With high expectations, we reach for the stars with the lives of our children.



The Kinder Stars classroom is set up for the last performance and party of the year.



The Kinder Stars are in their places and waiting to shine for their proud parents.



The children begin with a moving American Sign Language performance of *I Pledge Allegiance* to the music by Lee Greenwood. They are focused on their teacher as they sing and sign.

# Performances Let Children Shine in the Eyes of Their Parents



Parents watch their Kinders sing and sign the *ABC Sign Language and Phonics song*, by Nellie Edge. Fifth grade reading buddies hold the language chart.



Children sing and sign spelling songs: M-O-M spells Mom... D-A-D spells Dad, and L-O-V-E spells Love...and continue with **“Love is something if you give it away...”** (Magic Penny)



Then the children reveal their heart necklaces. (hidden underneath their shirts so no one can see them)... “Now,” says teacher Celeste Starr, “We better go give our love away to some-one



Each child goes into the audience to give their love—in the form of a heart necklace—away. “My mom hugged me when I gave my love necklace to her,” exclaimed this happy boy.

## After the Song and ASL Performance, Each Child Becomes a Shooting Star



**The families form a human tunnel** while classical music is playing. As their name is called out, each child becomes a shooting star as they run through the tunnel to first grade!



**Everyone cheers and smiles and celebrates!** “Wow– I’m a star!”



**Then families come into the classroom to continue the celebration** of learning and children proudly share their art portfolios.



**Happy family memories are built** around school learning celebrations.

**They’ll always remember the fun they had in kindergarten.**

# A Rigorous and Joyful Kindergarten Experience with Parents as Partners Builds a Foundation for School Success



**Children also share their year-end memory books** which are a month-by-month photo essay about joyful learning in kindergarten.



Children have rehearsed how to be polite and thoughtful. They remember to serve their families a snack first and then get their own. **In kindergarten we develop literacy and life skills.**



**It's time for one last picture with our teacher, Celeste Starr.** Children were heard saying, "This was the best party ever!"

ASL performance included:

- *I Pledge Allegiance* by Lee Greenwood, American Patriot CD,
- ABC Sing Language and Phonics Song by Nellie Edge, Music is Magic CD
- L-O-V-E Spells Love and M-O-M Spells Mom by Nellie Edge, Music is Magic CD
- Magic Penny by Malvina Reynolds, Music is Magic CD
- What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong, Chicken Soup for Little Souls CD

See **Magic of Signing Songs DVDs** for ASL instruction.

**We are responsible for the memories of childhood and we're in charge of celebrations.**