

**Karen Enderle Letter**

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Mrs. Diane Peterson  
Surfside Elementary School  
475 Cassia Blvd.  
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Dear Mrs. Peterson;

I would like to thank you and Mrs. Pomeroy for your dedication and hard work hosting the after school bridge club at Surfside. My daughter, Sarah Van Sickle, participated in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades and always looked forward to bridge club days. She even taught my husband and I how to play!

As a parent, I was impressed with the quality of the program. It integrated math skills with concepts of teamwork, gracious professionalism and strategic thinking in a fun, low stress environment. I enjoyed watching Sarah progress from learning the language and rules of the game to actually planning and discussing playing strategies. It was truly an eye opening experience for her to see first hand that it is not necessarily the cards or talents that you are dealt in life, but the choices that you make that can turn any hand into a winner or loser.

It is these kinds of mind expanding opportunities that give children the tools and confidence to embrace and rise to new challenges. Success in bridge, as in life, requires practice, strategic thinking and making good choices. If we want our children to make good choices and be successful throughout their lives, we have to provide opportunities for them to learn how. Surfside Bridge Club was definitely one of those opportunities.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Enderle