

FIRST NURSERY SCHOOL of UTICA  
1605 Genesee Street  
Utica, New York 13501

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support to the Children's Museum in Utica, New York. Our Nursery School visits the Museum with our Universal Pre-K classes every year. And, every year the children have a wonderful time exploring all of the exhibits! The Director, Marlene Brown and her staff do a great job choreographing our visits so that the children have a chance to actually touch as many of the exhibits as possible.

The "hands-on" philosophy and activities at the museum are compatible with our Universal Pre-K Program goals of enabling children to learn by doing and exposure to many different concepts and places.

We believe that our field trip to the museum is important. Mrs. Brown has helped make it possible for our school to visit at times when we did not have the funds to pay the full cost of admission. Indeed, for some of our children, the class visit will be one of a very few times they will go to a museum in their lives. Just to expose them (and their families) to the idea of visiting a museum carries a very positive potential. When the first exposure to a museum provides such fun and interesting opportunities to learn about things like local history, Native Americans, technology, space, dinosaurs and more, it will spur curiosity and, in turn, learning. In my own family I know that visits to the museum always provided for great follow-up discussions that helped keep my children interested in learning.

The Children's Museum is a wonderful asset for the Utica community and its families and schools. We look forward to our future field trips!

Sincerely,



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Director, First Nursery School