

Dear Monica, Jose, and SMLC staff

An event on Thursday caused me to have some thoughts that I would like to share.

The event was: I was carrying Jubiel to the van at the end of the day. Jose was in his car ready to leave as it was 5:30. Jubiel told me to stop and not put him in the van. Jubiel said that he wanted to wait for Monica to come out so that he could wave goodnight to her. Monica came out and gave Jubiel a hug and a kiss and said I love you to Jubiel. Then we went home.

My thoughts inspired by this event are about what it is important for my children to learn, while they are at day care. So, on several occasions when I tell someone: "My children are in Spanish immersion" the response is often: "But will they lose their skills in speaking English", and certainly I notice minor details regarding grammar or pronunciation that are not proper English. And someone might say "Is it good for your children to be away from home so much" and certainly I notice Jubiel and Madai wanting to be home more often. HOWEVER, given these two things and other slight imperfections, my heart is touched when I see that my children are being given love and affection. I believe that above all children must be taught that they are loved and that they can love others.

Overall I am very happy that my children are learning the most important life lesson of loving and caring for one another.

And I am also very proud of SMLC because I can say that it is a place where the staff comes not just to have a job, but because they love the children and they want to grow and learn together, with children and their parents too.

Thank you very much for your hard work, I wish you all to be happy and healthy for many years to come.

Sincerely, Isaac.