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Five years ago, if someone had told me that my heart would break at the end of preschool, I would have been skeptical. I expected my daughters to enjoy their time making friends, playing and learning, but I had no idea how much those simple things would mean to me. At CPWS, my children made solid friendships, learned and expressed empathy, accomplished things that made them proud, learned to write their names. They didn't even know they were learning; it was natural and it was fun.

In the midst of these simple things, I remained in awe of how God works through others, how He gave me faith to hand over my most precious cargo, and how that trust continues to affect our lives. What started out as a group of strangers are now some of my very favorite people in this world. They are mothers to my children, caretakers who love them as much as I do, angels with endless patience, unlimited hugs and giggle-making abilities.

Truth of it is, my heart has broken a little each May since that first one. That's four heartbreaks so far. And with this fifth and last May of preschool now here, my heart is crumbling with sadness and bursting with joy all at the same time.

Thank you isn't strong enough. It merely touches the edges of how strongly I feel for the teachers and staff at CPWS. Not only did you care for my children, you took the time to care for me too. On our very first day, Angela called me 30 minutes after drop off just to tell me that Kacy was fine--no more tears and having a blast. She gets it. To care for the children is to care for their mamas. You ALL get it. And I am forever grateful.

Thank you for five fantastic years. Thank you for guiding my girls and helping them grow and learn. Thank you for the fun and the giggles. Thank you for giving them a solid foundation. And thank you for supporting me--encouraging me, reminding me to have faith. You are a fantastic bunch of women, phenomenal teachers, patient guides. I love each of you and consider myself privileged to have been a part of the CPWS family. Thank you.

With an overflowing, thankful heart,

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Kacy & Callie Wood's mama