



**Since my daughter Mellie's birth, I had been looking to the future with worry about her inevitable entry into the school system. Melissa is now five, and is currently completing her first year of school. The transition to kindergarten was a huge step but I was confident that she was very well prepared after attending the DSRI Summer School Preschool program for two years.**

**I have been so impressed by the thoughtful and professional staff and therapists who tailor the program to each child's abilities. Never would I have imagined that Melissa would have access to speech therapy, as well as occupational and physical therapists on a daily basis, in a program that also includes licensed teachers and educational assistants.**

**With the daily routine modeled after a kindergarten program, she was more than ready to enter school, and did so with ease.**

**Melissa will be back at DSRI this summer, and for the foreseeable future because I believe that there are no educational opportunities for children with Down syndrome that could possibly compare to the services provided by DSRI.**

**With Thanks,  
Beverly Bialik**