

July 9, 2015

Mrs. Phipps  
89 Round Tree Lane  
Columbus, Ohio 43207

Dear Mrs. Phipps,

I wanted to let you know how excited I am for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. My son, Oliver, is glad to be in your class, as you were the teacher he wanted. Oliver is an articulate child who loves to read and has always got really good grades. He is eager to help and is always on the ball with his school work.

While Oliver is an excellent student, he does have a few challenges that I felt you should know about. First, he was adopted back in 2014 by my husband and I. While this has helped him to learn and grow, it also has scared him. There is a slight cognitive delay that we have to deal with, and at times this delay can be difficult.

He will often drop to the floor in tears if the work is too challenging or if he feels frustration. It is not uncommon for him to be in the fetal position and rocking while throwing these temper tantrums. We manage Oliver's behaviors with medication through his psychiatrist and medical doctor. While I know this sounds bad, for the most part Oliver is simply delightful. His little mind just couldn't handle the abuse he suffered and parts of it just shut down when faced with adversity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. I want you to know that we will work with you and support you 100% in your classroom. It may be necessary to send home an assignment book every night so that we are both on the same page. Other teachers have done this, in the past, and it seems to work out great. I look forward to working with you and making this year the best school year ever!

Sincerely,

Marcia Fox