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## **Babysitter woes and Back to School night for Savannah's Kindy**

I just can't stand unreliable babysitters. Sabrina called me 2 hours before she was supposed to be here and CANCELLED. She was supposed to babysit so I could take off to go to Savannah's Kindy Back to School night. I couldn't bring any of the kids to this, it was parents only. I tell you it is so hard to find a good and reliable babysitter. Just a couple of weeks ago a babysitter cancelled on me 2 hours before I was supposed to be somewhere and I couldn't bring any kids with me so I had to cancel the event. That babysitter emailed telling me that I hurt her feelings and gave me a lame excuse. I emailed her back and just said...I am hurt too...Take Care. Ugh...I am so disappointed in the new generation of kids growing up and how they handle responsibility. Definitely is very concerning to me.

I couldn't find anyone with such short notice. So I called my very last resort, our next door neighbor Sid. He said he would but that I needed to get back home right away. Thank God for Sid!!

In the classroom I sat at Savannah's desk. She sits close to the front of class. I checked out her little name plate and what was inside her desk. It was so fun to get acquainted with my little girl's school life!!

On the Savannah's desk I noticed something...She had drawn me a portrait of herself and there was a little note that said the drawing was for me to keep as a keepsake of her first Kindy self portrait drawing. I teared up. How precious...

I listened to her teacher, Mrs. Tarbell, go over the curriculum and expectations of her Kindy students and what we as parents can do to help our children do a successful job in school.

I wrote a little note and put it in Savannah's pencil box so tomorrow morning when she opens it up she will see mommy's special love note to her. I drew a fish and wrote Love, Mommy and then wrote the word fish on the bottom of the fish. It was done in orange crayon (her favorite color...like Nemo!!).

Afterwards I walked around and soaked in the whole classroom. There are little stations for groups of kids to participate in. A reading room which has a bunch of soft pillows, oversized stuffed animals comfy chairs - what a great little mini library for the kids. There is a listening station with microphones and the children sit around a table and listen to the headphones and follow the reader with the books. This will help the children learn to pace when reading.

I learned that the children will have library day every Wednesday and get to check out their own book. Every Friday they have Music day and go to choir in the multi purpose room.

The goal that Savvy and her classmates have to reach by mid November is to count to 10 and know numbers up to 30, know upper and lower case letters by sight, sound, out of order and to

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be able to put the letters in order. I have already been doing that with Savvy with flash cards so she is right on track - yay!!

The only negative that I don't like about the school is drop off in the morning. They want me to drop Savannah off and let her find her way to a line amongst 800 other kids and not get lost. That scares the dickens out of her and me. I walk her every morning to make sure she feels safe and to reassure myself she is not lost nor scared.

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