

Dear Flint Family,

This is our unsolicited review and evaluation of the Flint Academy. We think it might be helpful to pass on to your friends who are considering the Flint Academy.

We can't believe it's been 5 years that our Scotty and Amber have enjoyed and thrived both academically and spiritually within the educational environment of Flint. Under the direction of Dr. Paula Flint, and her able assistant Caleb Flint, and the staff and teachers, our children have shown great strides of growth in all areas. Their love of learning continues to grow under the teaching of well-trained and spiritually strong teachers.

In the past, we had experienced other educational avenues, none of which measures up to the academic and spiritual excellence of Flint. What we've seen at Flint is a brilliant, practical, compassionate, and divinely-appointed blend of educational principles. We firmly believe in the mission and philosophy of this school as do other parents with whom we've talked. One woman whispered to me during our school play, "I love this school!" Our thoughts exactly.

Students are given the same personal and progressive attention that they would receive in homeschooling. They are given spiritual training interwoven throughout all academic disciplines. In the traditional classroom (even in many Christian schools) students tend to cluster:

- a. The bright kids together
- b. The typical kids together
- c. The special needs together

In effect, the a,b,c groups tend to be segregated. At Flint, students are in the same classroom at the same time. Dr. Flint has ongoing training for these excellent teachers in the emotional and intellectual challenges of all these children who are eternally significant. Caleb, with his credential in behavioral studies, has great understanding and rapport with the students. Dr. Flint also has regular meetings with the parents and is always ready to answer any questions that they might have.

In effect, students have the opportunity (indeed, the necessity) to practice everyday "good habits" and thus, the "fruits of the Spirit" constantly. This is training for the real world. What has also impressed us has been the consistent application of tough love tempered by the spiritual fruits of the staff and teachers. What parent wouldn't want that?

Something very important is coming up that should be on your calendar. This is a conference not only for Flint teachers, but for parents as well. Dr. Flint sends all of her teachers every year to this conference, and you will see why if you attend this great event. Gail attended sessions last year and would like to encourage all parents to attend some, if not all, sessions if possible. Please go to www.circeinstitute.org and check out the program. Our own Dr. Flint will be speaking. Let's go and support her. If you cannot go, please consider giving a donation to help with the reception which Flint Academy is sponsoring.

Respectfully, Doc and Gail Gallagher