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Abstract

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One day after our daughter was ill and was absent from school for two days, her classmates asked her how she was feeling and said they had missed her. My husband and I were impressed by the fact that a monthly award was given to two students from each grade level for "exemplary attitude and behavior". This honor is called the "Joseph Sarto Student of the Month Award". Nearly every child in the class received this award by the end of the school year. The awards were presented at a monthly school assembly, which seemed like a nice way of encouraging positive Christian behaviors at early age. Ciara was always very proud and excited when she received this honor. As her parents, we were very happy and proud that she exhibited these positive qualities.

It was a pleasure to watch our daughter grow into a considerate and kind young girl during the years at her school.

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