

On her journey to finding the perfect school, mother Ada DeFanti remembers, “after consulting extensive research and looking at several schools, we visited Alpha. As we reached the steps of the magnificent building, a class of kindergarten students passed by. With a smile, each one of them said to our guide, ‘Good Morning, Ms. Patty.’ Immediately sensing an air of trust, respect, family and friendship, I was hooked on Alpha.”



## Providence Heights ALPHA SCHOOL

Since beginning her time at Alpha, Ada has nothing but good things to say about the teachers and classes:

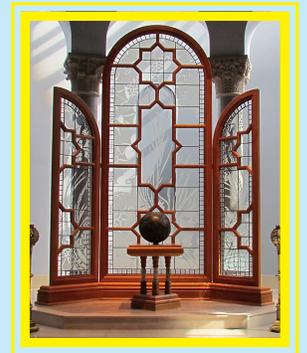
“The small class size was a huge factor in our decision.

The teachers really know my kids.” She adds, “the parent-teacher communication is also sensational. They always email or call back right away. We try to do the right thing in the home, and at school we feel that they are looked after and valued because the teachers care. We love it there.”



The opportunities for children to study a wide-variety of subjects such as cooking, piano, robotics, Tae Kwon Do, chess, golf, or tennis is another reason Ada chose Alpha. Many students, she says, volunteer to become coaches or help with activities in what truly is a family atmosphere.

The mother of two beautiful girls—Daniela, a first grader, and Adriana, a fifth grader—Ada comments on how well children learn to become good communicators through the opportunities at Alpha. “Just recently,” she says, “my youngest did a reading at a weekly Mass in the school’s breathtaking Chapel.” Even in first grade, students are encouraged to participate in school-wide events and are nurtured into well-rounded, caring individuals through the school’s core beliefs and family values. Ada sees the merit of the school ideal of the Provident Person: “We focus on academics, but when my kids come home and say how they helped someone, I am doubly proud.”



“Let us meet each other with a smile,  
for the smile is the beginning of love.”

-Mother Teresa

Ada especially loves the Buddy Program, where each year, two children from different grades buddy up. An eighth grader will partner with a kindergarten student, a seventh grader with a first grader, and a sixth grader with a second grader. The bond between the kids is a life-long friendship, and between sharing presents bought at holidays, children watching out and taking responsibility for each other, Ada notes, “you witness genuine acts of love.”

Alpha develops independent thinkers, imaginative problem solvers, and caring, compassionate leaders for the future. Ada tells of one teacher affectionately known to the kids as “Mr. T.”: “All of the kids talk about this young guy and his Christian values and how they want to emulate him. They learn from him and respect and admire him. These are just a few of the reasons why we love it there.”

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