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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in San Diego Jewish Academy. We know that choosing the right school for your child is among the most important decisions you can make. The SDJA Admissions office is here to assist you as you make that decision and support you throughout the application process. Welcome!

For 35 years, SDJA has been a premier independent Jewish day school educating students (and their families!) to reach their fullest potential. Through close attention to each student's learning profile, our children develop and grow in a rigorous academic environment that always focuses on the whole child. Students benefit from experiencing joy in their learning and in being part of a supportive social and emotional environment that prepares them well for college and beyond. Our graduates are overwhelmingly accepted into their first or second choice of colleges and universities, and many have gone on to distinguish themselves in national and international competitions in science and technology.

Our school has a deeply engaging curriculum, giving students a strong foundation in both core academics and in Jewish literacy. Faculty members are chosen for their mastery of teaching and their love of students. They continue to evolve here at SDJA, incorporating innovative and creative teaching in their classrooms. In this environment, students become critical thinkers, confident in their abilities and encouraged to develop their own talents and passions for changing the world. Simply put, our graduates are future focused.

An education at San Diego Jewish Academy is an investment in your child's future. We hope to take that journey with you.

If you have any questions, please call our Admissions office at 858-704-3716. We'd be happy to talk with you about your future at SDJA.

Sincerely,

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Golda Meir Lower School Kindergarten Applying for Admission to San Diego Jewish Academy

- Complete the online application at http://www.sdja.com/admissions_applications.php
Applications received by February 3, 2014 will receive priority consideration.
- Submit a non-refundable application fee of \$100.
- Request that your child's current school fill out and send the Preschool Teacher Recommendation Form.
- Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport.
- Contact the Admissions Office at 858-704-3717 to schedule a parent tour or attend an admissions event.
- If applicable, complete the Tuition Assistance application.

The Tuition Assistance program at SDJA is available to families with documented financial need. SDJA uses the services of FAST (Financial Aid for School Tuition) to process Tuition Assistance applications. You can find the link for our online application and more information about Tuition Assistance at http://www.sdja.com/admissions_affording.php
Financial need is not a factor in determining admission. You will be notified of your Tuition Assistance award after your child is accepted to SDJA.

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
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Current Preschool Teacher Recommendation

To Parents: Please print your child's name and give this form to your child's current teacher who will complete it and return it directly to the Admissions Office.

Child's name: _____ Applying for Kindergarten in Fall 20_____

Our signatures below indicate that understand that this confidential recommendation is a required and important part of our child's admission application and we will not have access to it.

Parent/Guardian 1 Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the Teacher:

Please complete this form below. Feel free to photocopy your complete recommendation for your files. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

AA - AGE APPROPRIATE

I - IMMATURE

C - AREA OF CONCERN

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(Please check where appropriate)

	AA	I	C	COMMENTS
Relates positively to adults				
Relates positively to children				
Works and plays cooperatively				
Is attentive/participates in group				
Listens and follows directions				
Completes tasks				
Is self-sufficient				
Respects property and materials				
Tolerates change				
Accepts responsibility				
Displays self-confidence				

COGNITIVE SKILLS

(Please check where appropriate)

	CHECK	COMMENTS
Recognizes numbers (1-10)		
Counts objects (1:1 correspondence through 10)		
Demonstrates good thinking skills		
Recognizes letter names of alphabet		
Auditory discrimination of symbols with sound		
Visual discrimination of symbols		
Uses phonics		
Uses sight vocabulary		
Understands spatial relationships (above, below, beside, inside)		
Comprehends relative values (heavy-light, far-near)		
Recognizes colors		
Recognizes basic shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle)		
Knows personal data (name, age, birthday, etc.)		

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ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS (Please check where appropriate)

	AA	I	C	COMMENTS
Hand dominance (right/left)				
Eye-hand coordination				
Gross-motor coordination				
Fine-motor coordination				
Clarity of speech				
Oral language development				

Has this child had any school adjustment problems that might reoccur in the transition to a new school environment?

Does this child have any particular problems at home that would interfere with his/her adjustment socially, emotionally or academically to a new school? _____

Is there any information about this child that will help us to ease the transition?

Based on your professional opinion, is this student ready for kindergarten? Yes No If no, what concerns do you have?

Is there any additional information that can be better conveyed in a phone conversation? Yes No

Hours you are available: _____ to _____ AM/PM Phone: (____) _____

Teacher's name: _____ Email address: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

School address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send this recommendation via mail, fax or email to:

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