

One, Two, Three Steps Closer

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What's Happening?

Dear Gael,

In the afternoon I was sitting at the desk doing some paperwork. I was not in the classroom all day and Kayla was with you today. When you noticed me, you crawled out of the play area and you then stood up on your own holding your balance in the middle of the walkway. Kayla came on over and knelt right behind you. I said, "Hi Gael, I missed you!" I held my arms wide open and you took a step forward and fell. You giggled on your way down. I said, "Gael, do you want to sit with me? Come over." I then got my phone, and you were so excited. You held your arms open and kept your balance. You looked down then back up and there it was, one, two, three steps closer. You fell again and that didn't stop you. You got up and into my arms you were.

Sincerely,
Azul

What Does It Mean?

Gael, you filled me with joy when I saw you take your first steps in the classroom. Your mom shared with me that during the weekend you were taking some of your first steps. I was waiting patiently this week, watching you carefully trying to capture your special moment to share with mom. Alicia F. Liberman, articulates that babies and young children thrive when they feel secure in their parents' care as they experiment with their bodies, relationships, and physical environment. I can see that you also feel safe and secure in our classroom. You were also patient, you made sure you were balanced before you took some steps. As you continue to explore your space, I hope to continue to provide you with a secure, positive and challenging environment that will help you grow.

Opportunities and Possibilities

Gael, you have shown me your first steps and I am excited to see what else you will show me. Now that



I see you walking, I wonder how can we continue to challenge and provide you an environment for exploration. We as a classroom want to ensure we continue to provide you with a safe and nurturing environment. You are our first walker in the classroom, and I can't wait to see what the other children will learn from you. Your patience, stability, and persistence are some of the many strengths you showed us today.

Allowing space to explore their environment through large movement, children will learn they are strong, confident, and safe in any physical pursuit.

-Angela J. Hanscom

DRDP Measures Infant/Toddler

1. Alt-Reg 1: Attention maintenance
2. Alt-Reg 2: Self-Comforting
3. Alt-Reg 5: Self-Control of Feelings and Behavior
4. SED 1: Identity of Self in Relation to Others
5. SED 3: Relationships and Social Interactions with Familiar Adults
6. PD-HLTH 1: Perceptual-motor Skills and movement Concepts
7. PD-HLTH 2: Gross Locomotor movement Skills
8. PD-HLTH 3: Gross motor manipulative Skills

Figure 4.1 Original Learning Story "One, Two, Three Steps Closer," by Azul Muller

Uno, Dos, Tres Pasos Mas Cerca

¿Qué Está Pasando?

Querido Gael,

Por la tarde estaba sentada en el escritorio haciendo unos papeles. No estuve en el aula todo el día y Kayla estuvo contigo hoy. Cuando me notaste, te arrastraste fuera del área de juego y luego te levantaste, manteniendo el equilibrio en medio del camino. Kayla se acercó y se arrodilló justo detrás de ti. Te dije: "Hola Gael, ¡te eché de menos!" mantuve mis brazos abiertos de par en par y diste un paso adelante y caíste. Te reías mientras bajabas. Te dije: "Gael, ¿quieres sentarte conmigo? Pasa." Entonces conseguí mi cámara y estabas tan emocionado. Mantuviste los brazos abiertos y el equilibrio mirando hacia abajo, y luego hacia arriba y allí estabas uno, dos, tres pasos más cerca. Te caíste de nuevo y eso no te detuvo. Te levantaste y en mis brazos estabas.

Sinceramente,
Azul

¿Qué Significa?

Gael, me llenaste de alegría cuando te vi dar tus primeros pasos en el aula. Tu madre me contó que durante el fin de semana estabas dando algunos de tus primeros pasos. Estuve esperando pacientemente esta semana, observándote cuidadosamente intentando capturar tu momento especial para compartir con mamá. Alicia F. Liberman, expresa que los bebés y los niños pequeños prosperan cuando se sienten seguros al cuidado de sus padres al experimentar con sus cuerpos, relaciones y entorno físico. Puedo ver que



también te sientes seguro en nuestro salón. También fuiste paciente, te aseguraste de estar equilibrado antes de dar algunos pasos. A medida que continúes explorando tu espacio, espero continuar brindándote un entorno seguro, positivo y desafiante que te ayudará a crecer.

Oportunidades

Gael, me has mostrado tus primeros pasos y estoy emocionada de ver qué más me mostrarás. Ahora que te veo caminando, me pregunto cómo podemos continuar ofreciéndote retos y brindándote un entorno para la exploración. Eres nuestro primer caminante en el aula, no puedo esperar a ver qué aprenderán de ti los demás niños.

Al permitir espacio para explorar su entorno a través de grandes movimientos, los niños aprenderán que son fuertes y seguros en cualquier actividad física.

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