

CAPITOL SCHOOL STUDENTS THEN & NOW

Emily



AT CAPITOL SCHOOL...2005

Emily Suzanna Cole was born to us as child number four and a delightful addition to our family. She was content to be around people, she rarely cried and slept very well. She entered the world loved by two big brothers and a big sister. Her two brothers have had struggles with expressive language disorders and both had years of speech therapy. This was about the time we discovered Capitol School of Austin. We were relieved to know there was a place where our boys could attend school and have teachers who understood their differences. Ms. Ellen, Ms. Amy and Ms. Sharon were all wonderful with our children and very encouraging. They gave us hope that our sons could make it in school in spite of their differences. We were so pleased to have been a part of the school during those years.

In the meantime, Emily was getting older. By the time she was 15 months of age we realized that her expressive language skills were lagging. We began speech therapy for her. When she turned four, we enrolled her in CSA. She loved it and so our third child got to experience the uniqueness and expertise of the staff of CSA. After Emily's year at CSA she attended two other schools. By the time second grade rolled around we realized Emily's needs as a student were not going to be met in any other setting except CSA. So we re-enrolled Emily at Capitol School. She immediately began to regain her confidence. By the end of second grade, we knew Emily needed to be at CSA as long as possible. In third grade she began to blossom as an enthusiastic learner. She worked hard and was always eager to go to school each morning. During the middle of third grade we got the word that CSA would open a 4th-5th grade class and we didn't hesitate to enroll her. We couldn't bare the thought of changing schools again. We are so happy we stayed. During this year as a 4th grader, Emily is as enthusiastic as I have ever seen her in school. She is actually finishing novels and doing extra math and writing stories at home on her own. She still struggles somewhat with written expression and expressive language, but continues to progress. Her confidence as a young lady is growing. She is also becoming bolder in her attempts at role play and drama. She is an inquisitive girl and we are so glad she is at a school where her abilities and strengths are able to grow. Capitol School has been an answer to many prayers, not just for our daughter Emily, but for our sons as well. We are so grateful we found CSA many years ago. We really can truthfully say we don't know what we would have done without it. It is a blessing to our family.



TODAY...

Emily is at Redeemer Lutheran School in 8th grade. She is doing well there and is enjoying her classes. She spent 5th, 6th, and 7th grades at Odyssey School and had a great experience there as well.

Our plans for high school are for Emily to attend Concordia Academy. Emily still has fond memories of her years at Capitol School. Just recently, she was recounting fun memories she had with Ms. Amanda, Ms. Laura, and Ms. Judy.

Her teachers at CSA gave her a great foundation and a very positive view of learning and school. Thank you very much!

