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We recently completed the Penn Literacy Network course at The Parent-Infant Center (PIC) and I just wanted to take a minute to give feedback on what I consider one of our most successful professional development opportunities that we have ever had.

First and clearly most important was having both Lisa and Amy lead the class. We had a very mixed group of PIC teachers, ranging in their own age and the age groups that they teach, experience at PIC and in the field in general, education levels, race, gender and probably everything else. Several barely knew one another as they work in different buildings or on different floors. Lisa and Amy provided so many interactive activities during the class and because of this, the group quickly gelled and became their own tight community.

The content of the class was excellent and after every class I could see teachers using what they learned in their classrooms. They worked so hard on their final projects and were so proud of their accomplishments.

I participated in the class as often as I could. For me, I got to see these teachers in a new light. I am simply never in classrooms as often as I would like and through this course, I got to listen to my staff and then watch them as practitioners. They made great connections, were reflective in their comments, had talents I did not know about and were very, very funny. As I said last night (through tears, I might add) I felt like a "proud Mama."

During the last class, our teachers repeatedly expressed how much they wanted Lisa and Amy to return to PIC so that they could "show off" their classrooms and our program to them.

This was a huge success for us and I certainly look for other opportunities for collaboration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Debbie H. Green".

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