



# JUBILEE

## Montessori Academy/Akademie

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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: MindCube Program at Jubilee Montessori Academy, Oudtshoorn.

We were introduced to MindCube through an invitation to attend a presentation on the program.

At Jubilee Montessori we use various practical materials to enhance the child's perceptual awareness in different subjects found in the development of the senses.

MindCube is a wonderful addition to our approach, as it assists in improving memory, vocabulary and creative thinking ability through play.

We had a few students that definitely had an "emotional" block towards Mathematics due to past negative experiences in other schools or at home. Some of them would cry or get nauseous if they had to work in the Mathematics section or write tests. Since we started the MindCube program, these students have shown great improvement in self-confidence as well as their overall "attitude" towards Mathematics. They are now eager to attend the MindCube sessions at school and even after school. The children have also seen that each child is an individual and excel in different stages of Mathematics – there is always room to learn more. Number sense and knowledge of combinations as well as an understanding of the variety of Math concepts has greatly improved. Mathematical vocabulary and understanding of Mathematical terms are some of the concepts that were definitely identified as a shortfall in our Math presentations.

We had 5 teachers that attended 3 month training with MindCube and currently we have 4 teachers that are doing practical weekly training with the MindCube team after school. Parents have seen the progress that their children are making and some have decided to enrol their children in the MindCube program after school as well. These parents are able to assist them after hours where needed. The MindCube family games that they are able to play after hours or for homework has also created some much needed fun, family time.

The way the MindCube program is designed is actually mind blowing. All aspects of Mathematics are incorporated into the MindCube Logo Mat and everything fits like a puzzle. It is impressive to see that foundation phase up to high school students can all use the same material with different goals and results.

Students' working memory is increasing and we noticed it in other subjects as well. The teachers themselves have seen the difference in their own way of thinking and presenting Mathematical problems as well as solutions that are practical to help the student in creative ways to understand for example: Time Tables and how to work it out and not just to memorize it.

Parents have given us feedback that they can see an improvement in the children's progress. Many perceptual challenges are easily identified by the teachers and can be approached through various methods of the MindCube program and Montessori material works well in combination of the above. The benefit of using this program as early as possible cannot be over emphasized. We have seen it at different levels – students 4 years to 12 years – It works and is enjoyed by the children and teachers.

Regards,

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