

Preschoolers were on hand when church fire broke out

My boys' last day of YMCA preschool will be remembered by all!

Mateo and Mason are still asking questions and expressing concern while pointing out the smoke from home.

Melissa, their teacher, said the men working on the roof came down and banged on the door to the gym and said the roof was on fire. Then the alarm went off.

Everyone was immediately and safely evacuated. The children were amazingly brave and obedient. They have practiced fire drills as part of their safety and learning experience at the YMCA. I never imagined they would have to use it there.

They scurried to TC's Burgers and waited for their pick-up while Kim, Melissa and other moms dialed them to explain the situation.

Most of the kids were more concerned that they didn't get to eat their snack before getting evacuated. Their jackets, bags, boots and artwork is still inside the church basement where it will hopefully survive.

The fire is still burning. The boys ran out back as soon as we got home to spot the smoke in the sky. They're both sad and worried.

Kim and Melissa were my heroes today, and we will be back as soon as the preschool opens again to say our official thank you and goodbye since our last day was unlike any other.

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(Editor's Note: The Auroran received Ms. Mastracci's letter just before noon on Friday.)