

This is to Certify that

BRIAN BRAZDA

has completed satisfactorily the Second Grade Course of the  
Home Instruction Department of the Calvert School, Inc.  
Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A.

2nd day of July

A. D. 1956



Edward Brown  
HEAD MASTER

In the fall of 1955 at age 5, my mother decided I was ready for second grade. So she decided to enroll me (by mail) in the Calvert School in Baltimore, MD. (see the Calvert School Wiki)

Edward W. Brown was Head Master from 1940 – 1967 and my “teacher” was Elizabeth Knipp Eason. By June 1956, I had completed the 2nd grade curriculum and was awarded the above certificate. So when I turned 6 a month later, I was all ready for 3rd grade (but that’s another chapter).

The following pages are my “final exam” for 2nd grade, my “report card” (and a boyhood dream fulfilled).

VERY recently, I did some Googling and found that Mrs. Eason had died peacefully on January 29, 2017 at 101 years old. Now I regret never having contacted her as she had asked in her letter. Hopefully, my mother had done so, but I just don’t remember it.

very fine

## Composition

The Story I Like Best

The story I like best is the one about Engine 999.

That was the steam engine that broke the speed record in 1891.

That happened on the run between Syracuse and Buffalo. Engine

999 was going 112½ miles per hour between Batavia and Buffalo.

Charlie Hogan  
was the engineer  
and the O'Dell was  
the fireman.

Engine 999 belongs  
to the New York  
Central System.

When ever it is  
put on exhibition,  
it runs under  
its own power.

Most of the time  
it stays in a  
West Albany Museum.\*

I would like to  
see it sometime.



\*UPDATE: At Museum of Science & Industry, Chicago, since 1968



Although 999 had been at MSI since 1968 (outside display), I finally got up close and personal in 2000 - 45 1/2 years later.

## Number

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 1 hundred, 9 tens, 9 ones ~~143~~ ✓  
 1 hundred, 7 tens ~~102~~ ✓  
 1 hundred, 2 ones ~~170~~ ✓

Spelling

Saturday

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lamps

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# CALVERT SCHOOL



## HOME INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Report of Brian Brayda Grade 2 No. 160 Date 6-29-56

Tests are marked 1, 2, 3, 4. 1 means excellent, 2 good, 3 passing, and 4 failing. The sign + or - after a mark means more or less than the exact mark given.

### MARKS ON TESTS

Reading . . . . .	/	History . . . . .		Handwriting . . . . .	/
Composition . . . . .	/	Mythology . . . . .		Art History . . . . .	
Spelling . . . . .	/	Geography . . . . .		Poetry . . . . .	/
Grammar . . . . .		Science . . . . .		Language Arts . . . . .	
Arithmetic . . . . .	/	Social Studies . . . . .			

### REMARKS, CRITICISM OR SUGGESTIONS:

Dear Mrs. Brayda,

It gives me much pleasure to award Brian the Calvert School Certificate for the successful completion of his Second Grade Course. He had done exceptionally fine work throughout the year, and should be well prepared to begin the Third grade in the fall. My hearty congratulations!

We shall be sorry to lose Brian as a pupil, but I can well understand your desire to



have him and Lois attend classes  
with other children. I certainly  
hope that they will be very  
happy in their new school.

I thank you so much for sending  
me the excellent picture of Lois  
taken at "Happy Haven" on her birth-  
day. Now I have a snapshot  
of both children to remind me  
of them whenever I look through  
my album.

Here are the pictures I promised  
to send. The notations on the back  
of each speak for themselves.

While this is the last official  
letter I shall write to Billan, I  
do hope that we can keep in  
touch. I'd not like to lose so  
good a friend. Have a wonder-  
ful trip this summer, and do  
let me hear from you again.  
My love to you all.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Eason