

August 30, 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian,

First of all, we would like to say welcome and that we are looking forward to a wonderful school year!! One of our goals this year is to prepare your child for KINDERGARTEN!!

We would like to give you some information about a few of the areas we will be working on.

- Please do not send any toys to school with your child. This causes problems in the classroom. If your child brings toys, they will be asked to put them in their backpack and leave it in their cubby.
- You will need to send a snack with your child on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. We will do cooking projects on Thursday and Friday, and will consume our efforts!!
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, we strive to teach our 4-year-olds to be RESPONSIBLE!! We teach them to do things for themselves, which fosters self-esteem and confidence in their own abilities. Therefore, we ask that you allow your child to take their snack out of their backpack and put it in the appropriate place. Allow them to put the backpack and other things away in their cubby. Give them the privilege of doing any other jobs they can do on their own!
 1. Send a lunch they can manage themselves. (ex. hot dogs already cut into pieces, containers they can open, items that do not have to be heated.) Of course we do have a microwave in our room for occasional use, but if every child needs the microwave for 2-3 minutes, that is 30 minutes some children may be waiting for their lunch to be warmed up.
 2. Send juice boxes, juice bags or a thermos (no canned sodas or beverages -- the sharp edges can be dangerous). We often have drinks in our room and allow the children to pour their own, teaching a multitude of skills.

If you have any questions, never hesitate to call.

Thank you,
Ms. Reba and Ms. Angela