

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Teddy Bear room! We are so excited to have your children in our class this school year. We want to help the Teddies with the transition from home to school as smoothly as we can. We are grateful for your support during this important step in their young lives.

We have our classroom orientation on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at your assigned time. We will talk briefly about the classroom and what your children will be doing during their morning with us.

### **Helpful Tips** to help your child with the transition

- Please let us know if your child has an allergy. We will post this information for all who serve snack.
- Please send your child with a backpack ( large enough to bring home art work, wet clothes, and any special blanket or stuffed animal).
- Please send a change of clothes in case of accidents or water play. We will keep the clothes in cubbies throughout the year. Please make sure to change them when the weather changes. Please label your child's clothes. Please send your child in comfortable shoes. If your child is sensitive to getting sand in their toes it is recommended that he/she wear socks and sneakers for our playground.
- If your child is ill with a fever, vomiting, or has diarrhea, please keep them at home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.
- Our goal for Carpool is to get your child safely and swiftly out of the car even if he/she is crying or unhappy. We will hold your child's hand or carry him/her into the classroom.

We will be sending a newsletter and photos every two weeks informing you of our classroom activities. We will have themes throughout the year. If you have special topic or celebration that you would like to share with the class, please let us know. During the first couple weeks, we will be talking about school, families and "me." Please send in a family and a baby photo of your Teddy. The children love looking at themselves as babies.

We have enrichment classes each month. Spanish is every Monday with Miss Colleen. Music is every other week with Miss Laura. Art is with Miss Suzy and Nature on the Move with Ms. Liz which are both once a month.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us by email or phone. Thank you!

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