

Big Bear/Sun Bear Welcome Packet

School Year 2022 - 2023



WELCOME TO OUR BIG BEAR/SUN BEAR FAMILIES FROM MS. SUZY, MS. HEATHER (BIG BEAR TEACHERS) AND MS. KATIE, MS. COLLEEN (SUN BEAR TEACHERS)!

BY NOW, YOU HAVE RECEIVED MS. NIKKI'S EMAIL DETAILING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, PARENT HANDBOOK, AND ORIENTATION SCHEDULE. (THIS INFORMATION AND OTHER [BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION](#) IS ON OUR WEBSITE.) PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ. THIS LETTER WILL FILL YOU IN ON OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP TRANSITION YOUR BIG BEAR/SUN BEAR FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD.

WHAT TO BRING THE FIRST DAY

- A BACKPACK OR TOTE BAG WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN VISIBLY ON THE OUTSIDE. WONDERING ABOUT SIZE? LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD A LUNCH BOX/WATER BOTTLE AND ANY ARTWORK THAT WILL COME HOME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND SMALL ENOUGH FOR A CHILD TO INDEPENDENTLY HANDLE.
- TWO SETS OF ADDITIONAL CLOTHING (ALL LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME), INCLUDING TOP, BOTTOM, SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR (EACH CHILD HAS A PLASTIC TUB WHERE THESE EXTRA CLOTHES ARE STORED). CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR PLAY CLOTHES THAT ARE COMFORTABLE AND ALLOW FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, WITH APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR RUNNING, CLIMBING, PLAYING IN SAND AND WATER, AND ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.
- WATER BOTTLE (LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME) WHICH WE WILL USE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. BIG BEARS/SUN BEARS WILL STORE THEIR WATER BOTTLES ON THE BENCH UNDER NAME HOOKS. WATER BOTTLES WILL GO HOME EACH DAY FOR CLEANING AND REFILLING.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE DAY

- OUR GOAL IS THAT EACH DAY WE WILL PLAY OUTSIDE, HAVE A SNACK, ENJOY FREE CHOICE PLAYTIME IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE PATIO, AND SETTLE INTO CIRCLE TIME FOR STORIES, GAMES AND LEARNING. WE WILL SHARE MORE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE DAILY SCHEDULE AFTER WE SETTLE INTO THE FIRST FEW WEEKS.
- SNACK: EACH DAY WE SERVE A HEALTHY, NUT-FREE SNACK MIDMORNING FOR BIG BEARS AND AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON FOR SUN BEARS. SNACK INCLUDES FRESH OR DRIED FRUIT AND A TYPE OF CRACKER (GOLDFISH, RITZ, GRAHAM, FOR EXAMPLE).
- IF YOUR CHILD IS STAYING ALL DAY (BIG BEAR AND SUN BEAR CLASSES), PLEASE SEND A LUNCH (LABEL THE CONTAINER WITH CHILD'S NAME)) THAT DOES NOT NEED REFRIGERATION OR ANY FOOD MICROWAVED.
- HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS: OUR [WEBSITE](#) CAN ANSWER YOUR "WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY AT SCHOOL?" QUESTIONS. EACH CLASS HAS A TAB UNDER "CLASSROOM NEWS" ON THE HOME PAGE. WE WILL POST PHOTOS OF WEEKLY HAPPENINGS ON THE BIG BEAR AND SUN BEAR PAGES. WE WILL ALSO CONNECT BY EMAIL WITH CLASSROOM NEWS.
- CELEBRATIONS: BIG BEARS/SUN BEARS LOVE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS OR HALF-BIRTHDAYS. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO BRING A STORE-BOUGHT, NUT-FREE SNACK ON OR NEAR THEIR SPECIAL DAY. PLEASE DROP THE SNACK OFF AT MORNING CARPOOL.
- MS. SUZY AND MS. HEATHER ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS OF BIG BEARS THIS YEAR, AND MS. COLLEEN IS THEIR TEACHING ASSISTANT. THE BEST WAY TO REACH THESE LEAD TEACHERS IS VIA EMAIL AFTER SCHOOL. CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY: [314-935-6689](tel:3149356689). (MS. SUZY: wearethree11@hotmail.com) & MS. HEATHER: hhuewe@hotmail.com
- MS. COLLEEN AND MS. KATIE ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS FOR THE SUN BEARS, AND MS. SUZY IS THEIR TEACHING ASSISTANT: MS. COLLEEN: ccorbett@wustl.edu, MS. KATIE: loyndkm@aol.com

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR V.I.B. (VERY IMPORTANT BEAR) WITH US THIS YEAR.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO START!**

