

# BEAR CUB/PANDA BEAR WELCOME LETTER

## SCHOOL YEAR 2022 - 2023



HELLO TO ALL OF OUR BEAR CUB AND PANDA BEAR FAMILIES!

WE ARE THRILLED TO GET OUR SCHOOL YEAR STARTED! WE KNOW THAT THE CHILDREN ARE EXCITED TOO (AND POSSIBLY A LITTLE NERVOUS) ABOUT GETTING BACK TO THE SCHOOL ROUTINE AND SEEING THEIR PEERS.

BY NOW, YOU HAVE RECEIVED WUNS' [RETURN TO SCHOOL](#) INFORMATION PACKET. THIS LETTER WILL FILL YOU IN ON INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP TRANSITION YOUR CHILD FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD.

### WHAT TO BRING THE FIRST DAY

- A **BACKPACK** WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN VISIBLY ON THE OUTSIDE. WONDERING ABOUT SIZE? ~ LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD ARTWORK THAT WILL COME HOME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR YET SMALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR CHILD TO READILY PUT ON WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. CONSIDER A BACKPACK THAT IS EASILY WASHABLE OR MAY EASILY BE WIPED DOWN.
- **TWO SETS OF ADDITIONAL CLOTHING (ALL LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME)**, INCLUDING TOP, BOTTOM, SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR. EACH CHILD HAS A PLASTIC TUB IN THEIR CUBBY WHERE THESE EXTRA CLOTHES ARE STORED). CHILDREN NEED TO WEAR PLAY CLOTHES THAT ARE COMFORTABLE. WE ENCOURAGE CLOTHING THAT ALLOWS FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR RUNNING, CLIMBING, PLAYING IN THE SAND AND PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.
- **WATER BOTTLE** (LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME) WHICH WE WILL USE THROUGHOUT THE DAY RATHER THAN THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN OR CUPS AT SCHOOL. CHILDREN WILL STORE THEIR WATER BOTTLES IN THEIR CUBBIES.
- **WARNING:** WE DO HAVE A **NEW BEAUTIFUL RAISED GARDEN** WITH SOIL PACKED IN FOR PLANTING AND PLAY. WE ALSO HAVE OUR TROUGH RUNNING DURING NICE WEATHER FOR WATER PLAY. YOUR CHILDREN MAY COME HOME MESSY SOME DAYS. WHY? BECAUSE THEY WERE INVOLVED, ENGAGED AND HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME PLAYING BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE!

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE DAY

- **SCHEDULE:** ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND THE DAILY SCHEDULE FOR EACH CLASS.
- **SNACK:** EACH DAY WE SERVE A HEALTHY SNACK, WHICH INCLUDES FRESH OR DRIED FRUIT AND A TYPE OF CRACKER (GOLDFISH, RITZ, GRAHAM, FOR EXAMPLE). ***PLEASE NOTE WE ARE A PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE SCHOOL. IN ADDITION, OUR CLASS IS PISTACHIO, EGG, AVOCADO, AND CASHEW FREE.*** THIS WILL APPLY TO ALL LUNCHES AND BIRTHDAY GOODIES BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.
- **LUNCH INFORMATION:** IF YOUR CHILD IS STAYING ALL DAY PLEASE SEND THEM WITH A LUNCH THAT DOES NOT NEED REFRIGERATION OR ANY FOOD MICROWAVED. LUNCH BAGS/BOXES WILL STAY IN THE CHILD'S CUBBY UNTIL LUNCH TIME. YOU WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LUNCH SOON. CAROL YORK HOSTS THE LUNCH TIME FOR THE CHILDREN. CAROL DOES A FABULOUS JOB OF HANDLING THE LUNCH GROUP.

## HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

- **COMMUNICATION:** WE WILL UPDATE OUR BEAR CUB/PANDA BEAR WEBSITE REGULARLY WITH PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILDREN. IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED FOR YOUR REVIEW. IN ADDITION, WE WILL REGULARLY COMMUNICATE WITH YOU VIA EMAIL ABOUT BEAR CUB/PANDA BEAR THEMES AND HAPPENINGS.
- OUR BEAR CUB CLASS STARTS OUTSIDE AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE AT SCHOOL. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD USE THE BATHROOM AT HOME *BEFORE* LEAVING FOR SCHOOL. THANK YOU!!
- MARSHA AND ALLIE ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS AND CAROL IS THE TEACHING ASSISTANT OF BEAR CUBS, OUR MORNING CLASS. MARSHA AND HEATHER ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS OF PANDA BEARS, OUR AFTERNOON CLASS. WE WILL HAVE A WU TEACHING ASSISTANT EACH DAY IN PANDA BEARS AS WELL. IF YOU EVER HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD OR ABOUT SCHOOL, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US. THE BEST WAY TO REACH US IS VIA EMAIL.
- MARSHA: [kgraeber1@aol.com](mailto:kgraeber1@aol.com), ALLIE: [aprice23@wustl.edu](mailto:aprice23@wustl.edu), HEATHER: [heatherhuewe@gmail.com](mailto:heatherhuewe@gmail.com) or CAROL: [cyorkster@att.net](mailto:cyorkster@att.net)
- DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL (AND BEYOND!), WE WILL FOCUS ON HELPING THE CHILDREN ADJUST AND BECOME COMFORTABLE WITH SCHOOL ROUTINES, EXPECTATIONS, CENTERS, AND A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO OUR BEAR CUB/PANDA BEAR CLASSROOM.

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

LOVE,  
MARSHA, ALLIE, HEATHER, & CAROL 😊