PANDA BEAR WELCOME LETTER 2017-2018

August 27, 2017

We welcome you to Washington University Nursery School! We are so excited to get the school year started for our students! We have many exciting activities planned for our Panda Bear children. You will find important information to read as you prepare for the school year. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 5th for your brief orientation at your assigned time. Our priority is to develop a warm, positive and nurturing relationship with each child and his/her family. One of our important goals is to bring JOY to learning in our Panda Bear classroom.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PANDA BEAR PARENTS:

1. Please send your child with a backpack! His/her name must be clearly marked on the outside of the backpack. We often send artwork and school projects home in the backpack.

2. A suitable change of clothing must be kept at school. This includes underwear, shorts or pants, shirt and socks. If your child needs diapers or pull-ups, please also provide extras to keep at school. As we move into colder weather, we will need warmer clothing to keep in your child's cubby. We do have water play when the weather is warm. Children love the water trough. They often forget about getting wet as they splash or dig in the sand.

3. Please complete all paperwork online if you have not done so. We require a current "Enrollment Form" with the most up to date information.

4. Please leave all personal toys at home. We do not want any child to return home without his/her favorite toy. Occasionally, we have had favorites go "missing" in the classroom.

5. Please send your child in comfortable shoes daily. If you child is sensitive to getting sand in their toes we recommend your child wear socks and sneakers for our playground.

6. We will email our newsletters in a timely manner. The information included in the newsletter will briefly discuss our classroom curriculum and highlight some special classroom activities that we have worked on and enjoyed during the week(s). We will inform you in advance of special school activities. You may always go to our website and read the most up to date information about scheduled events in our school community.

During our first week of school, we will have many opportunities for children to play and work together. Because children love to share information about their families, we are requesting that each child bring a family picture (very casual photo) to display in the classroom. In addition, we ask that you provide a photograph of your child as a baby (sometime before turning one). This photograph will also be displayed in an area for all of the children to see. As a group, we will try to guess which baby picture belongs to which child. It is a terrific way to open up conversation between children and teachers.

In closing, we are excited to welcome all of you to our school! Thank you for helping us with this transition from home to school. We greatly appreciate your time and interest. We are going to have a fantastic year with your children!

See you soon!

Marsha and Chona