

BEAR CUB/PANDA BEAR WELCOME LETTER

SCHOOL YEAR 2023- 2024

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 TREE NUT FREE SCHOOL.
- **LUNCH INFORMATION:** IF YOUR CHILD IS STAYING ALL DAY PLEASE SEND THEM WITH A NUT-FREE 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 ON HANDLING THE LUNCH GROUP. HOPEFULLY, YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM CAROL CONCERNING SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE LUNCH ROUTINE.

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. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING 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 FOR BEAR CUBS, OUR MORNING CLASS. MARSHA AND HEATHER ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS FOR PANDA BEARS, OUR AFTERNOON CLASS.
- 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.

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- 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.

- **BEAR CUB ARRIVAL IS AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL NEAR THE WUNS SIGN BETWEEN 8:50AM AND 9:10AM. FAMILIES WHO CHOOSE TO BIKE OR WALK WILL ALSO DROP THEIR CHILD OFF AT THIS AREA WITH A WUNS TEACHER. WE ASK YOU NOT TO WALK YOUR CHILD TO THE PLAYGROUND UNLESS YOU ARRIVE AFTER 9:10AM. YOU ARE WELCOME TO STORE ANY STROLLERS, BIKES, OR SCOOTERS INSIDE THE GATED PATIO AREA DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**
- **BIRTHDAYS ARE A SPECIAL TIME IN THE BEAR CUB ROOM! YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING A SPECIAL TREAT FOR YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY. THE TREAT NEEDS TO BE PEANUT FREE, TREE NUT FREE, AND SESAME FREE. WE HAVE 18 STUDENTS TOTAL. WE ALSO HAVE TREATS HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PROVIDE A BRITHDAY SNACK.**
- **PICK UP FOR THE MORNING BEAR CUB CLASS IS AT 11:45AM.**
- **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR! WE ARE EXCITED TO START OUR YEAR WORKING WITH YOUR FAMILY!!**

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 😊**