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Hello Everyone!

Summer is in full swing and for some of you this letter may make you feel like you are not ready to think about school in the fall, but for some you are waiting anxiously to hear about what is happening, so here goes....

The floors are waxed, toys and dress-up are being washed; cleaning in depth...we are getting ready!!!! The staff is itching to work on curriculum, supply lists and of course the first bulletin boards for the year.

Home Visit calls to all new students will begin this week. If your child is not a new student but came during the year or for whatever reason you would like a Home Visit email me and I will gladly fit one in. If you have never had a Home Visit, they usually take about a half hour and we fill out a Biographical Form together to help us understand your child better. Home Visits can also be at the school if you prefer. I will bring the State of NH Registration Form for you to fill out. The Home Visits will be scheduled when it is convenient for you over the next few weeks.

Reminder for all students: a current Health Form from the doctor must be on file by the first day of school. Returning students should have one in their file. Forms expire after one year. This fall is our license recertification and we won't be able to be as lenient as we might like to be about forms required to be on site.

Open House: Friday, September 3rd

8:30 – 9:30 Caterpillar Students (3 years old) Parent Q&A at 9:00

9:45-10:45 Cocoon Classes (4 year olds) (morning and afternoon students) Parent Q&A at 10:00

11:00-12:00 half day and full-day Kindergarten Students (Butterflies) Parent Q&A at 11:30

If you are not able to attend on Friday let me know and I will meet you on Tuesday, September 7th, for a condensed Open House and a chance to pick up the Orientation Packet.

The first day of regular school is Wednesday, September 8th.

If you would like to be the Room Parent for your child's class let me know. The responsibilities include: liaison with the staff on all classroom parties making sure any holes are filled, receive email addresses of your child's class for class specific notices that may need to go out, coordinate teacher appreciation gifts, the contact person for any extra help needed in the classroom for special projects, luncheons, etc. There can be more than one room parent per class.

Anyone interested in being the Coordinator for the Soup Labels, Box Tops, Scholastic Books, etc, let me know.

Fun Fridays will be offered again this year. Watch the calendar for what is happening, when.

All newsletters and calendars are done via email. There will be paper copies at the school for those who cannot open Excel.

As tradition has it, for our bulletin boards please bring either to the Open House or the first day of school TWO pictures. One of your child this summer (either a group shot or single) and the other a baby picture (be sure to write your child's name on the back!). They will be on display for the month of September and then returned to you.

Doors open 10 minutes prior to the school start times and they “close” 10 minutes after the end of each class. Please no earlier or later without prior approval. We are confined by State guidelines about the number of children we can have at one time so we will be strictly enforcing this.

Review of Start and End Times:

Morning classes

School starts: 8:30

School ends: 11:20

Lunch Bunch ends: 11:50

Afternoon classes

Lunch Bunch starts: 11:40

School starts: 12:00

School ends: 2:50

All Day Students:

School starts: 8:30

School ends: 2:50

****NEW**

- Parents will be signing in their own children each day and checking off when they bring snack.
- We are requesting that all children be at school by the School Start time so as not to disrupt the class. Free choice time will not necessarily be at the beginning of the day as done previously.
- Snack: Each family will sign up at Open House for what item they would like to send in for snack each month along with a juice. (All students who attend more than 5 half days will be asked to bring in 2 items plus 2 juices) The choices will be in categories and will be both general and as specific as you would like. You will send in the same sort of thing each month. This is merely a suggestion of what to send in- get inspired to send in something else? Go for it! Snacks must be peanut free.
i.e.: choose category crackers (gives you flexibility) OR under that category choose graham crackers (narrows it down if this is what you prefer)

The registration fee, insurance fee, and supply fees are due by August 15th. An email reviewing your financial status and what program(s) your child is registered in (will also tell you what tuition will be) will go out prior to that so any unpaid fees can be paid and the registration process can be finalized before Open House. In the orientation packet that you get at the Open House there will be a Tuition Coupon Book and the first month's tuition is due at that time.

If your plans have changed and your child will not be attending, please let me know immediately.

I think that is it for now! Watch for a letter at the end of August from your child's teacher addressed to your child.

Trusting for God's rich blessing on each of you as you enjoy the remainder of this summer!

See you soon,

Lorraine Miller
(for all the staff!)