HELLO TO ALL OF OUR BIG BEAR/SUN BEAR FAMILIES,

THIS SCHOOL YEAR WILL LOOK A LITTLE DIFFERENT—BUT WE KNOW THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF SMILES UNDERNEATH BIG BEAR/SUN BEAR MASKS, AND UNDER MS. SUZY’S, MS. HEATHER’S, MS. KATIE’S AND MS. COLLEEN’S MASKS, TOO!

BY NOW, YOU HAVE RECEIVED WUNS’ RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN, WHICH DETAILS DAILY SCREENING PROCEDURES AND DROP-OFF/PICKUP INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE ALSO READ THE PARENT HANDBOOK THOROUGHLY. THIS LETTER WILL FILL YOU IN ON OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP TRANSITION YOUR BEAR CUB FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD.

WHAT TO BRING THE FIRST DAY

• **A BACKPACK WITH HIS/HER NAME WRITTEN VISIBLY ON THE OUTSIDE. WONDERING ABOUT SIZE?** LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD ARTWORK THAT WILL COME HOME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, BUT SMALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR BIG BEAR/SUN BEAR TO READILY PUT ON BY HIMSELF/HERSELF. CONSIDER A BACKPACK THAT IS EASILY WASHABLE OR 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 HIS/HER CUBBY 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 ON 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. BIG BEARS/SUN BEARS WILL STORE THEIR WATER BOTTLES ON THE BENCH UNDER THEIR NAMED HOOKS. WATER BOTTLES WILL GO HOME EACH DAY FOR CLEANING AND REFILLING.**
WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE DAY

NOTE: WE WILL BE WASHING HANDS MULTIPLE TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY—SEE THE RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN FOR DETAILS.

- 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 STORYTIME. WE WILL SHARE MORE SPECIFICS ABOUT THE DAILY SCHEDULE AFTER WE SETTLE INTO THE FIRST FEW WEEKS.

- SNACK: EACH DAY WE SERVE A HEALTHY SNACK MIDMORNING, WHICH 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 HIM/HER WITH A LUNCH (PLEASE LABEL THE CONTAINER WITH CHILD’S NAME)) THAT DOES NOT NEED REFRIGERATION OR ANY FOOD MICROWAVED. LUNCH BAGS/BOXES WILL STAY ON THE BENCH OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

- OUR WEBSITE AND SEESAW ARE TWO SOURCES THAT CAN ANSWER YOUR “WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY AT SCHOOL?” QUESTIONS. WE ARE CURRENTLY SETTING UP SEESAW AND WILL LET YOU KNOW IN A FUTURE EMAIL HOW IT WORKS.

- 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. WE WILL CAPTURE THE CLASS SINGING A BIRTHDAY SONG IN A SHORT VIDEO AND/OR PHOTO TO SEND TO YOU.

- MS. SUZY AND MS. HEATHER ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS OF BIG BEARS THIS YEAR, AND MS. TIERRA IS THEIR TEACHING ASSISTANT. THE BEST WAY TO REACH THESE LEAD TEACHERS IS VIA EMAIL. (MS. SUZY: wearethree11@hotmail.com) & MS. HEATHER: hhuewe@hotmail.com

- MS. COLLEEN AND MS. KATIE ARE THE LEAD TEACHERS FOR THE SUN BEARS: MS. COLLEEN: CCORBETT@WUSTL.EDU AND 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!