HELLO TO ALL OF OUR BEAR CUB FAMILIES,

WE ARE ALL SO EXCITED TO GET OUR SCHOOL YEAR STARTED. WE KNOW THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF SMILES UNDERNEATH OUR BEAR CUBS’ MASKS.

BY NOW, YOU HAVE RECEIVED WUNS’ RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN, WHICH DETAILS DAILY SCREENING PROCEDURES AND DROP-OFF/PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS. 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 BEAR CUB 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. BEAR CUBS WILL STORE THEIR WATER BOTTLES IN THEIR CUBBIES.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE DAY

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

- **WE WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO SHARE THE DAILY SCHEDULE AFTER THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL—WE WILL ADJUST THE TIMING OF ACTIVITIES BASED ON WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT OUR GROUP’S PREFERENCES AND NEEDS. 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.**

- **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 FOR THE AFTERNOON PANDA BEAR CLASS, PLEASE SEND YOUR BEAR CUB WITH A LUNCH THAT DOES NOT NEED REFRIGERATION OR ANY FOOD MICROWAVED. LUNCH BAGS/BOXES WILL STAY IN THE CHILD’S CUBBY. YOU WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LUNCH SOON.**

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

- **OUR WEBSITE** MAY ANSWER YOUR “WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY AT SCHOOL?” QUESTIONS. OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS WILL HIGHLIGHT OUR THEMES AND CURRICULUM DETAILS. WE INCLUDE PICTURES TO SUPPORT MANY OF OUR ACTIVITIES.
• CELEBRATIONS: BEAR CUBS 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.

• 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 OF BEAR CUBS THIS YEAR. CAROL IS THE TEACHING ASSISTANT. THE BEST WAY TO REACH THE TEACHERS IS VIA EMAIL. MARSHA: kgraeber1@aol.com, ALLIE: aprice23@wustl.edu, CAROL: cyorkster@att.net

• IN CLOSING, WE WILL NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC THEME ON THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. WE WILL PRACTICE OUR DAILY SCHEDULE WITH THE CHILDREN SO THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH ROUTINES, EXPECTATIONS, CENTERS, AND A GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO OUR BEAR CUB 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 AND CAROL