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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, new computer purchased, new circle rug, new telephone system, new table for the library room...washing toys, dress up, cleaning...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 will begin next week to all new families and new students. If you are a returning family and would like a Home Visit let me know either by email or phone and I will gladly fit one in. If you have never had a Home Visit, they usually take about a half hour and we together fill out a Biographical Form 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 and it can either be filled out then or you can mail it in. 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.

Open House: Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 – 9:30 am PM Students (Butterflies and Cocoon Classes) (Monday through Thursday afternoon)  
(Teachers: Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Hamilton)

9:45-10:45 am AM Cocoon Class (Monday/Wednesday/Thursday morning)  
(Teacher: Mrs. Mary)

11:00-12:00 Caterpillar Class (Tuesday/Friday morning)  
(Teachers: Mrs. Odell and Mrs. Miller)

Attend the time that fits your schedule best. If you are not able to attend on Friday I will have a condensed Open House and a chance to pick up the Orientation Packet on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, by appointment.

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. School starts at 8:30 with the doors opening at 8:15.

As tradition has it, for one of our bulletin boards please bring either to the Open House or the first day of school a picture of your child this summer. Either a group shot or single. They will be on display for the month of September.

Review of class start and end times:

Morning classes: 8:30-11:20 (doors open at 8:15)  
Lunch bunch 11:20-11:50

Afternoon classes: 12:00-3:00 (drop off before 11:50 considered too early)  
Lunch bunch 11:35-12:00 (drop off before 11:30 considered too early)

Snack change: Each family will again be asked to send in a snack or two and a juice each month. To help you we have changed it so we are generating a list of most common snacks and will assign what each family should send in sometime during that month. Of course you are not bound to our suggestion but we will no longer be using labels.

If you are not sure what class or classes you have signed up for or are unsure whether you have paid the registration fees, email me and we can go over it and finalize the process. If your plans have changed and your child will not be attending, please let me know immediately.

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.

We will be opening up a small class of 4 and 5 year olds on Tuesday and Friday morning. If you would be interested and would like to get more information on that let me know.

Fun Fridays: We are planning on having Fun Fridays again this year with a slight change. One Friday a month the "fun" activity will be at the school with two sessions. The first session from 11:50-12:30 would be following the Caterpillar Lunch Bunch mainly for the Caterpillar Class and any other children who have joined that class. The second session would be from 12:45 to 1:45 primarily for the Cocoons and Butterflies. Each session will be for approximately one hour. (i.e. Lego Mania, make your own applesauce, pizza, donuts, artsie lessons, gymnastics, etc.). We will continue to schedule trips off-site once a month and go as a combined group. If you have ideas of where to go or what to do, let me know. Each month will also include a Friday afternoon for You-Get-A-Break.

Please only send in toys when it is for Show & Tell (it will tell you on the monthly calendar when and what). Show & Tell items should be marked with your child's name. Upon arriving the item goes on the designated Show & Tell table where it will reside until further notice and pack-up time at the end of the day. The only exception to this is for those children primarily in the Caterpillar Class who might have separation issues. They are free to bring something special to hold if it brings them comfort.

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

(for all the staff--Mrs. Mary, Mrs. McCalvey, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Judd, and Mrs. Hamilton)