



Dear Parents,

We want to welcome all of you to our PRIDE family. We are so excited about the coming school year and all that we have in store for not only the children but the parents, as well! We feel that the school family creates a sense of belonging for

all the children. We are truly all in this together. This is only the beginning and we ask our parents to be active members in our school family.

The first thing you can do as members of our PRIDE family is to send in a family picture that we can add to our friends and family board. These pictures help to bring the people closest to our children into the classroom. It is a way to help the children get to know one another and to feel secure at school. We will make color copies and return your picture to you.

There are three teachers in our classroom, Paula Blair, Raquel Perez and Deidre Gonzalez. We are always available to our parents but it is difficult to carry on a lengthy conversation upon arrival and departure. We would love to talk to you when we are not concerned for the children's safety. Please call us 3 PM.

If possible we ask that you send in the following supplies:

- * a disposable camera or roll of 35 mm film, to capture precious moments
- * diapers and wipes, if your child requires them
- * a backpack to carry home important papers and precious works of art
- * a complete set of clothes, labeled with your child's name, including socks
- * antibacterial soap, such as Purell for Conscious Discipline ritual of making connections
- * a package of stickers for fine motor art projects
- * a bag of beans and a bag of rice for sensory exploration
- * a can of shaving cream for sensory exploration

Every day we offer the children a snack. From time to time we will ask each of you to supply the snack for all of the children. Your child's name will appear on the classroom calendar the week you are assigned to supply the snack. Please remember to send in the snack (pretzels, goldfish, crackers, raisins, fruit, cereal etc.), a gallon of juice (please no Hawaiian Punch), a box of **5 oz.** cups, and a package of napkins.

Welcome to our school family and the beginning of a great school year!!!