

## Ocean Welcome Letter

Hello from the Sea Creatures. Each month you will receive a newsletter and calendar to inform you of our units, and a partial list of art projects, stories and songs. The calendar is useful when talking to children about their day. Many parents ask “What did you do today?” This is a difficult question for children to answer since they do so much at school. The calendar will help you to ask specific questions such as, “Tell me about painting with feathers.” The Parent bulletin board next to the Sea Creature entrance door contains additional information and notes that should be checked daily.

### **Breakfast**

Children who arrive between 6:30 am and 7:30 am are welcome to bring their breakfast. NO breakfast after 7:30 am, please.

### **Cubbies**

Each child will have a cubbie and hook located in classroom. Check it for notes, artwork and for their “Important Papers.”

### **What to Bring**

- Complete change of clothes: socks, underwear, shirt and pants. A box will be provided.
- A blanket and small pillow for nap. If your children wants a stuffed animal to sleep with, they should bring one that can be left all week in their nap bag.
- Bedding will be sent home every Friday to be laundered.
- Please label all clothing and bedding.
- Water bottle

### **Outside Play**

We go outside each day. Please dress your children accordingly. On snowy days, send snow suits, boots, mittens, hats and extra socks. Please dress your child in tennis shoes or shoes with rubber soles rather than sandals or dress shoes. Slippery shoes can cause the children to slip from the climber.

### **Medicine Administration**

If your child needs medicine administered while at school, please arrange his schedule so that we can give all meds at noon. A form, signed by your doctor, is required for most medicines.

### **Birthdays**

On your child’s birthday you may bring in a “sweet treat” (you need only to **bring 20 treats, not 40**). Because of the limited amount of time, please keep it simple—cupcakes are a favorite item. While a birthday party is an important social event to children of this age, it could also be the first experience for many children to feel “left out”. If you are having a party for your child and would like to place invitations in the cubbies, you must invite all children in your child’s class. If you would like only to invite a few, the office can provide addresses for those children you wish to invite from the Ocean Room.

**Treats such as pizza parties, goodbye parties, birthday parties and holidays are not allowed.**

Good communication with all of our parents is very important to us. Please feel free to call us anytime.

It is essential to sign your child in and out every day.

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