



Dear Nursery Parents,

I hope that you and your children are enjoying the warm, relaxing days of summer. I am sure your children have been busy in the sand and the water enjoying the wonders of this season. As August fades, we happily look ahead to the new school year. For many of you this will be the very first days of your child's long journey through school. It is certainly a joyful milestone, and I am looking forward to beginning this experience with you and your children.

Many families like to plan ahead, and I thought you might appreciate my sharing with you a list of supplies as well as some important dates to keep in mind as you look ahead to September.

Supplies for your child's cubby:

- Complete change of clothing (including underwear, socks, pants and shirt) please update as the weather changes throughout the year.
- Sweater or sweatshirt
- Sunhat or cap
- Soft inside shoes or slippers (must completely cover the foot and heel). A canvas sneaker or full slipper works best.
- Small resting pillow
- Raincoat with hood, rain pants, rain boots
- When the weather changes: snow pants, hat, scarf, mittens and snow boots.

All supplies should be clearly labeled with your child's name (please remember this when new items are brought to school).

Many parents have found catalogs like Land's End and L.L. Bean to be helpful when searching for outerwear and other supplies. The supplies do not have to be there the first day of school so you don't have to feel rushed.

Important Dates

Our early childhood orientation will be held on **Thursday, September 6th at 7:30p.m.** This parent meeting will begin in Bonner Hall and then continue in individual classrooms. We will discuss what to expect during the first days of school as well as a preview of the year ahead. Please bring your questions and I am sure we will have a lively, helpful conversation. It will also be a great opportunity to meet one another!

Our first day of school is **Wednesday, September 12th**. During the first two days of school, the class will be divided in half and each child will come to school for only one hour. This gradual introduction has been very helpful to the children. At the orientation evening, there will be a signup sheet to choose an hour for the first two days of school (either 8:45-9:45 or 10:00-11:00). On Friday, the children will come together for a two-hour day (9:00-11:00). On **Monday, September 17th** we will begin the regular school schedule (9:00-12:00). For the children participating in the Nursery Afternoon Program, they will begin this day as well. I know this



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sounds a bit complicated but it has helped the children to make a smooth transition to school. If you have any special requests or needs, please feel free to contact me or speak to me at the orientation evening.

Please feel comfortable contacting me via email (giumentak@waldorfgarden.org) or by telephone or text (516)582-8200. During the school year I am always available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We can schedule meeting times as well.

If you are free, you are welcome to stop by for a few minutes and visit us in the classroom with your child on **Thursday, September 6th between 9:00-12:00**. For children who may not have met the teachers or seen the classroom for a while this can be a nice, informal opportunity to come and say hello. We will be busy setting up our room and will happily welcome visitors.

I am looking forward to meeting with you and your children in the coming school year!

With best regards,

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