



**Dear Nursery Parents,**

I hope this letter finds you and your children enjoying the warm, relaxing days of summer while enjoying the wonders of this glorious season. As August fades, we happily look ahead to the new school year. I am so happy to welcome both our returning families as well as our new families to our class. I realize that all of you have navigated through uncharted waters during the past six months and I am eager to support you and your child throughout the year ahead. For some 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.

Our program will look a little different this year as we navigate through new protocols. Happily we will be spending much more time outside. I look forward to the many healing benefits this outdoor time will provide.

Many families like to plan ahead, and I thought you might appreciate my sharing with you a list of supplies your child will need for school.

**Supplies for your child's cubby:**

1. Approximately 3 changes of clothing (including underwear, socks, pants/shorts and shirts.) Since much of our time will be spent outdoors, multiple changes of clothing will be needed to keep your child comfortable and dry on rainy days. We will ask you to update these articles of clothing throughout the year.

2. Sweater, sweatshirt or light jacket.

3. Sunhat or cap with face shield. Here are some helpful links.

- JULY'S SONG Hat with Face Shield for Kids,Cute Outdoor Sunhat Cap for Boys Girls Summer Protection Reusable Washable y YOUTH UNION
- [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B085VYCBYJ/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_odUmFbM15H2G3](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B085VYCBYJ/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_odUmFbM15H2G3)
- UV Sun Hat Dust-Proof Bucket Hat for Kids, Wide Brim Summer Sun Cap Cotton Protective Hat with Shield for Outdoor by Famobest
- [https://www.amazon.com/dp/B087QKQW1D/ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_mt\\_dp\\_UcUmFbC354TX3](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B087QKQW1D/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_UcUmFbC354TX3)

4. Soft inside shoes or slippers (must completely cover the foot and heel). A canvas sneaker or full slipper works best.
5. Small resting pillow
6. Two sets of rain gear: Raincoat with hood, rain pants and rain boots. Brands such as Abeko, Lands End, Reima Tihku, Oaki and Tuffo are all popular brands and can be purchased on Amazon.
7. Yoga mat and child's sleeping bag for short outdoor resttime.

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

### **Important Dates**

Our first parent meeting will be held, in person, on our nursery playground - *Monday, August 31st at 5:30pm*. We will discuss what to expect during the first days of school as well as preview the year ahead. Please bring any questions you have, including any new protocols that we have in place for this school year. Your questions will help contribute to a lively, healthy conversation. This evening will also be a great opportunity to meet one another!

Our first day of school is *Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>*. During the first two days of school, *Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>*, the children will come to school for only one hour, from 9:00-10:00. On *Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>* the children will come together for a two-hour day, from 9:00-11:00. On *Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>* we will begin the regular school schedule, 9:00-12:00, including Early Dropoff and Afternoon Care. I know this may sound a bit complicated but it helps the children to make a smooth transition into school. In past years, this gradual introduction has been very helpful to the children. If you have any special requests or needs, please feel free to contact me or speak to me at the parent evening.

Please feel comfortable contacting me via email ([giumentak@waldorfgarden.org](mailto:giumentak@waldorfgarden.org)) or by cellphone at (516)582-8200. During the school year I am available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We will plan for five parent meetings throughout the year as well as personal meeting times, as needed.

This year I will be offering opportunities on for you and your children to come visit the classroom and playground before the first day of school. 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. I will be working in our playyard and happily welcome visitors. Here are the available time slots :

*Saturday 9:00-9:30, 9:30-10:00 and 10:00-10:30, 10:30-11:00*

*Sunday 9:00-9:30, 9:30-10:00, and 10:00-10:30, 10:30-11:00*

*Monday 9:00-9:30, 9:30-10:00*

*August 2020*

Please contact me via email or text to schedule a time slot that works best for you. I ask that you and your child bring masks and face shields for this visit. I am looking forward to meeting with you and your children in the coming school year!

Warmly,

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