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WELCOME PACK**

FOZZIE BEARS

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Dear Fozzie Bear Parents:

PLEASE MAKE A HABIT OF READING THE DOOR AND PROCARE MESSAGES AND EMAILS FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!

Welcome! Our goal here in the Fozzie Bear Room is for your child to enjoy an experience filled with love, laughter, hugs, and fun. Your child will be learning through active participation in many child directed and teacher planned activities.

The daily routines include Circle Time, Theme Activities, Gross Motor Activities, Fine Motor Activities, Snack, Changing and Toileting, Lunch, Nap, and good old fashioned floor time play.

We use the **PROCARE APP** for most correspondence. Please sign your child in and out daily using the **QR Code** located on the classroom door.

Parents and teachers can communicate throughout the day using the messages part of the app. Please keep in mind that the staff are working and playing with your child and may not see your message until they have time to leave the group and check them. Email is always an option too.

If your child will be **absent**, **please call** us before **9 a.m.** or send a **message through Procure**

There is a Parent Communication Board located on the classroom door. Please read this board regularly as it will tell you what your child is learning for that particular week and the day's events. This information can also be found in their daily report sent through PROCARE.

The Fozzie Bears will be working on:

- Recognizing some letters (mainly those in their name), some numbers, shapes, and colors
- Developing fine motor skills for doing puzzles, holding utensils, building blocks, personal care skills, etc.
- Developing gross motor skills for running, climbing, jumping, riding bikes, throwing, catching, etc.
- Developing socialization skills and use of words and sign language to solve problems
- Learning songs and finger plays
- Beginning toilet training when physically ready

Our goal is to have the children toilet trained by the age of 2 ½ years. It is important for parents and staff to be consistent once training has started. Requirements for starting training are outlined in a **Toilet Training Packet** given out at the initial start of training.

We will be learning **Sign Language**. The focus is on a theme related word each week as well as words used for communicating wants and needs such as eat, more, milk, juice, please, thank you, shoes, socks, etc. We have found that the introduction of Sign Language at this age helps tremendously in bridging the gap between the expressive and receptive language skills of a toddler.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. We look forward to helping you care for your child!

The Fozzie Bear Team

Welcome to Fozzie Bears

- F**avorite toys from home are better left there. Naptime favorites are more than welcome!
- O**ur parents are an important part of our program.
- Z**ap those germs! We wash hand when we come in the room.
- Z**ipped jackets make it easier for our toddlers to learn to put their coats on.
- I**n the Fozzie Bear room we believe in positive reinforcement and redirecting unpleasant behavior.
- E**veryday we send messages on Procare. A way to share information for parents and staff.
- B**ecause we play outside and in the gym **SNEAKERS** are the footwear of choice.
- E**valuations are done 3 times a year. It is amazing to see how your child grows and learns.
- A**lways check your child's locker for items needing to be brought home, such as soiled clothing, lunch boxes, art work, etc.
- R**emember to pack KID FRIENDLY lunches – food they can eat themselves. We do not heat food.
- R**emember to lock the classroom gate behind you when entering and leaving the room. Our curious bears are always trying to find new places to explore.
- O**utside play is twice a day! We go out twice a day be it frosty snow, the warmest heat, and anything that may fall in between. Keep this in mind...***If Your Child Is Well Enough to Attend, They Are Well Enough to Play Outside!***
- O**pen! Open! Open! We are a unique Center as we only close 7 days a year. We try to be as available as possible!
- M**onthly newsletters inform parents of classroom activities, and special events. They are sent via e-mail and are on the website in the Parent Nook.

But wait, there's more....

LABEL! LABEL! LABEL! Every item brought in **MUST be LABELED** from the tiniest sock to the biggest snow suit! Please make sure of this as it is very confusing for staff to remember what belongs to whom.

Toilet Training – You will be given some training guidelines when you and your child are ready. Please read them carefully! When both parents and staff work together, this new phase of learning should be stress free and fun!

All of our staff are committed to making your child's stay here as pleasant as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with any of the staff. We are grateful for all your support and cooperation.

Fozzie Bear Tips and Reminders

At Drop-Off:

- Sign your child in using the **PROCARE APP and QR Code** every morning.
- Hand their lunchbox to the staff. If you have cold items, please include an ice pack.
- We will wash your child's hands.
- Place coats, hats, gloves, etc. in your **child's locker**.

For Lunch and Snack:

- Your child will need **one sippy cup filled** for lunch **and** **one empty sippy cup** for snack. We provide either water or milk at snack. If your child is over 2 years old they will start to learn how to drink with an open cup at snack.
- If your child has cold items in their lunch bag, include an **ice pack**.
- If your child has hot items in their lunch, please use a **thermos** to keep the food warm. We do not heat food up in the microwave.
- If your child is a messy eater, you may **include a bib** in their lunch bag. We do not provide bibs.

For Their Locker:

- **Sheet and blanket.** A light blanket is suitable for summer – the air conditioner can create a slight chill at nap time. A heavier blanket – fleece for example – is recommended for winter.
- **Two sets of extra clothes** including socks and, if applicable, underwear. Remember to bring in season-appropriate clothing and new sizes as your child grows.
- A **Friday bag** which will be used to send home sheets, artwork, and other items. **A child sized backpack works best.**

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Dear Parents:

Would you be interested in becoming our classroom parent? It's a wonderful way to assist the teachers and get to know other parents. Below is what is needed from the classroom parent.

1. Help with preparations for special events and classroom projects.
2. Organize gift giving for teachers for Christmas and End of Year.
3. Assist with fundraisers.
4. Be a "Welcome Parent" for new families in your child's room. We would give you their phone number to call and welcome them and answer any questions they might have.

If you have any questions, we will be glad to answer them. The list above should not take up too much of your time. We appreciate any help you can give.

NOTE: All of the above can be joint responsibilities.

Thank you!

_____ Room Staff

Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you are interested you will be contacted once all forms are returned.

Child's name: _____ Room: _____

Parent (Guardian's Name): _____ Phone: _____

_____ YES! I would be interested.

_____ NO! I cannot help at this time.