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ARDSLEY DAY CARE CENTER'S
WELCOME PACKET

GUMMI BEARS

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Dear Gummi Bear Parents:

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

Welcome! Our goal here in the Gummi 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

The Gummi Bears will be working on:

- **Recognizing** letters (mainly those in their name), 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
- Completing **toilet training**

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 learning of Sign Language at this age helps tremendously in bridging the gap between the expressive and receptive language skills of older toddlers.

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

The Gummi Bear Staff

GUMMI BEAR NEWS

- Gummi Bear** room goal is to provide the children with a safe and healthy learning environment every day.
- U -** may sign up for classroom parties on Sign-Up Genius which will be emailed approximately two weeks in advance.
- Many** activities such as special events, hot lunches etc. will be written on both the parent information board and through Procure. **Please read daily!!**
- My** **sleepy toy** is permitted for nap time. We ask that they be soft and cuddly. **NO OTHER TOYS** are allowed.
- I** know what's mine! **Put your child's name on everything.** Items your child brings for the day will be kept in a cubby. Some cubbies will be shared by friends. Please **LABEL ALL** of your child's items.
- Be** **diligent! Toilet training** will be introduced or continued in our room. Please check your child's Procure messages every day for supplies needed. **Parents are responsible for being consistent with training procedures.** *Children should be trained by the time they enter Preschool.*
- Every** **day** we go outside! Please dress your child appropriately (sneakers, coats, hats, gloves, etc.). Our policy is if they are well enough for child care, they are well enough to go outside.
- All** **children are evaluated** three times a year, in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Parent /Teacher Conferences are in the Fall and Winter.
- Remember** clothes will be stored in your child's own individual storage box located in the cubbies. They need to have **3 complete changes of clothing.** We will let you know if they need supplies.
- Newsletters** are sent out monthly **by email.** They are also available on the website by clicking on the Parent Nook link. Please read all about the Gummi Bear happenings!
- Each** **activity** done will be displayed in the room and then **sent home on Fridays** in their bags.
- Weekly** **nap linens** will be sent home on Fridays. *Please return clean linens on Mondays.*
- Sneakers** are a must everyday!!

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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.