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**ARDSLEY DAY CARE CENTER'S**  
**WELCOME PACKET**

**HONEY BEARS**

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# THE HONEY BEAR ROOM

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

We welcome you and your child to the Honey Bear Room!

**Curriculum:** Our academic day starts at 9:00. We have an ongoing “Cooperation” theme throughout the year. We have a weekly music class and gym class. Our curriculum covers the following areas:

- Begin to **recognize** letters, numbers and counting.
- **Self-help skills** (dressing, undressing, personal care routines).
- Art projects to develop **fine motor skills** and hand/eye coordination.
- Promote **gross motor skills**.
- Introduce **foreign languages** and **sign language**.
- **Child Assessment:**
  - o Fall Progress Report / Parent Conferences
  - o Winter Progress Report / Parent Conferences
  - o Spring Progress Report / Conferences by Request
- **Theme based project approach** instruction (child centered)

## **General Information:**

Please have your child **use the bathroom** and have them **wash their hands** before dropping your child off in their classroom.

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. Check your email!

**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 Procare**

**Mail Boxes:** Please empty mail box daily.

**Show and Tell:** Will be weekly and will go along with our themes. Your child will be asked questions about the item they are showing. This helps with language development and interactions with peers.

**Weekends with Honey Bear:** A stuffed bear will be sent home with one child every Friday. Please fill out the accompanying form and return on Monday. Feel free to be creative!

**Birthdays:** Parents may send in a special snack.

**T.V. Day:** Friday afternoons we may show a video. We may show movies that relate to our “theme”.

**Special Holidays:** There will be a sign-up genius sent out for party donations.

**Classroom Parent:** Sign up to help with reminder notes, parties, special days, etc. If interested, fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return to your child’s teacher.

## **Star Student:**

Once during the year your child will be highlighted as our “Star Student”. An information form will be sent home when it is your child’s turn.

## **Behavior**

We will be working extra hard to remember five basic concepts to make the Honey Bear Room a peaceful and safe place to spend our days. These are:

- We walk inside.
- We use indoor voices.
- We keep our hands/feet to ourselves.
- We use our listening ears to help us follow directions.
- We put our toys away as well as care for them properly.

We realize that sometimes we may forget some of these concepts. We have set up a “**Quiet Area**” for the children. It is a special place to talk out our problems together with the help of our teachers. The idea is to agree upon a solution by using our words!!

You will receive a daily “Honey Bear Tales” note and an email about your child’s day.

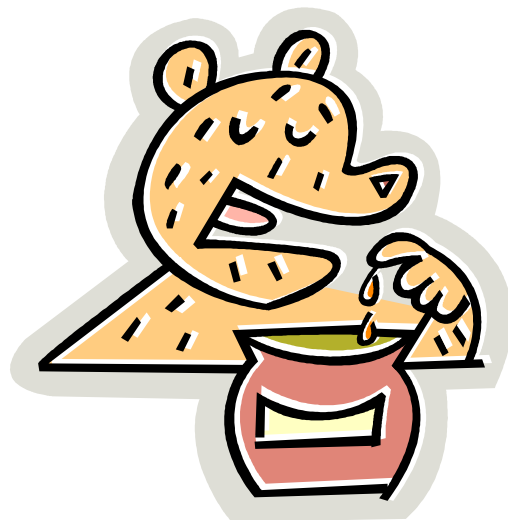
**LABEL! LABEL! LABEL!** Every item brought in must be labeled from the tiniest sock to the biggest snow suit! Please make sure of this as it is very confusing for the staff to always remember what belongs to whom.

All of the staff in the Honey Bear Room 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 cooperation and support.

## The Honey Bear Room Staff

# HONEY BEAR NEWS

- H ello** and Welcome to Honey Bears. We are excited to get to know your child this year.
- O ur** goal for the year is to promote positive reinforcement. We use praise, stickers, etc.
- N ew** Our preschool schedule will be new and exciting for your child this year. You’ll see many new developing skills and greater independence as they become a more active participant in the learning process.
- E ach** and every day is packed with loads of fun and learning. **Play is a child’s work!**
- Y ou!** We can’t do it without **YOU!** We look forward to working together to help your child grow, learn, and experience a positive learning environment.
- B ags** are sent home every Friday. Child-sized Back Packs are preferred. Please return sheets/blankets on Mondays. Look for any notes.
- E verything** must be **LABELED**. This helps eliminate any confusion.
- A lways** read **Parent Information Board** located on door. Please read daily **messages/emails on Procure for important information.**
- R emember** to use an **ice pack** for cold items in lunchbox.
- S neakers** and **hair ties** should be worn each day.



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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

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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.