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

KOALA BEARS

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WELCOME TO THE KOALA BEAR ROOM!!!!

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

CURRICULUM

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

- **Recognize** letters, numbers, and counting.
- **Self-help skills** (dressing undressing, personal care routines, etc.).
- 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)

Math - counting, sorting, categorizing, patterning, number identification, shapes, basic addition and subtraction.

Pre-Reading - opposites, rhymes, letter identification, phonics, sequencing, vocabulary development, visual and auditory discrimination, sight word recognition.

Writing - letters, basic words, numbers 1 - 20.

Science and Social Studies - the environment, living/non-living things, weather, cultures, animals, habitats, careers, health

Art - shape, color, textures, variety of mediums

Social Skills - these concepts are reinforced throughout our daily activities:

- Respect for self, property, others
- Manners and rules
- Cooperation and problem resolution
- Responsibility
- Following directions

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 Procure**

Mail Boxes: Please empty mail box daily.

Show and Tell: A schedule will be set up with 4-5 children every Friday. Reminder notices will be sent home.

Birthdays: Parents may send in a special snack.

Weekends with Kody Koala: A stuffed Koala bear will be sent home with one child every Friday. Please fill out the accompanying “Weekend with Koala” form and return on Monday. Feel free to be creative!

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 donations for our parties.

Classroom Parent: Sign up to help with reminder notes, parties, special days, etc. If interested, fill out form and return.

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.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to see one of us. We are looking forward to a very fulfilling year!

KOALA BEAR NEWS

- K oalas** will be practicing conflict resolution. We use redirection, time outs, office visits and if needed, phone calls to parents. We will be reading Character Education books weekly.
- O ur** goal for the year is to promote positive reinforcement. We do this by praise, stickers, etc.
- A ll** our activities are fun!! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for all seasons (hats, gloves, boots, etc.) Our policy is if your child is well enough for child care they are well enough to go outside every day.
- L ockers** your child has a locker. All items are kept in there. **NO TOYS** from home are allowed in the room! Please keep stocked with clothes that are appropriate for the season.
- A sk** us about our weekly theme, letter, shape and color!
- B ags** are sent home every Friday. Child-sized Back Packs are preferred. Please return cleaned 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 and outside Bulletin Board. Please read daily notes.
- R emember** to use an ice pack for cold items in lunch box.



S how‘n Tell will be on Fridays. Reminders will be sent home and the schedule will be on the door.

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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.