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**ARDSLEY DAY CARE CENTER
WELCOME PACKET**

POOH BEARS

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Welcome to Pooh Bears

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 Procare**

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 Pooh Bear: A stuffed Pooh Bear will be sent home with one child every Friday. Please fill out the accompanying “Weekend with Pooh” 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!

The Pooh Bear Room Staff

POOH BEAR NEWS

Parent Information Board - is on the door. Please read every day for important information.

Outside we go outside every day so please make sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather (coats, sneakers, hats, gloves, boots, etc.). Our policy is if they are well enough to be in child care they are well enough to go outside.

Other Reminders - please make sure you **label ALL of your child's belongings**, including a set of extra clothes for their locker. We have Fall/Winter/Spring evaluations. It is important that you attend the parent/teacher conference so that we can work together to make sure your child is prepared for Kindergarten.

Holiday Parties - There will be a Sign-Up Genius sent out for donations for our parties.

Behavior We use a lot of positive reinforcement to promote good behavior. "Redirection" and "Time Out" are a few.

Everyone will have a turn to be **STAR of the Week**. You will be asked to decorate a poster board with pictures, words, etc., that describe themselves and it will be displayed during your child's special week.

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

Room Parent we are looking for a volunteer to help with reminder notices, parties, special days, etc.

Newsletters will be sent out monthly via the website and e-mail. Please make sure that you provide us with a legible and current email address so you get the Pooh Bear information. Most printed correspondence is sent home with the youngest child in the family. Each day you will receive a message about what your child did that day including any special events. Please read daily.

Everything must be labeled!! This helps eliminate confusion.

Weekend with Pooh During the year your child will be bringing home Pooh Bear. Your child can draw a picture and "dictate" a story to be written in the journal book about their weekend with Pooh!

Show-n-Tell every child will be assigned one Friday of the month. No other toys are allowed from home except sleepy toys which may be used only for nap time.

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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) Name:_____Phone:_____

_____ Yes! I would be interested.

_____ No! I cannot help at this time.