

Dear Parents,

It is so wonderful to be back to school. The amount of time that was spent before the children arrived last week thinking through the prepared environments of the classroom and lunch areas was well worth the effort - things ran pretty smoothly getting children from one place to the other. I had opportunity to talk with many of you at the picnic to give you a brief glimpse into what your child's first few days were like. There were already AHA moments when a screw was loosened by a three-year-old to the utter delight of the three-year-old observing, when paint adorned a paper with beautiful colors, and when a tower was built. Children are learning the graces and courtesies of the classroom: rolling and unrolling mats, walking around friend's work on the mats, waiting for an adult's attention, what to do if one is in the bathroom and someone knocks (Occupied!). The learning delights have been, and will be many.

This upcoming week the staff will already be tasked with the transitions from place to place in the rain WITH COATS!! We already have three rain coats hanging in our classroom. The reason they are not with their owner is because there is no name in them.... **PLEASE** mark your child's coat with his/her name before sending it with them to school. Please mark all of your child's clothing. It will both ensure your belongings come home to you, and make our transitions run smoothly and safely without stress for your child or their caretakers.

I look forward to this week ahead of us. We will be celebrating three four-year-old birthdays and learning about the indoor lunch process already! We will continue to settle in to our group and learn new things.

I will end as I often do: If you have any questions, stories, or worries, please contact me. Email works well. I check in the mornings before school and in the evenings when I come home. If you would like me to call you, you can call the office and leave a message for me. I will call back quickly.

Have a great rainy Sunday!
Carrie Irre