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Dear Parents of Classroom 3,

I would like to extend the warmest "Welcome" to all the new families this year at Arborland and "Welcome Back" to all the returning families. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know all the classroom 3 children and families. Your child's education is very special, and I am honored to have the opportunity to help and guide your child's growth and learning. I have worked at Arborland for 21 years, the first three years as a toddler teacher and the last 17 years as a Primary teacher. My Assistant, Mrs. Jardon, has been with the school for 18 years. I appreciate her dedication to the class and students.

Teacher Contact Information

We have planned conferences twice yearly, however, please be assured that this is not the only time that you can talk to me. Our communication is the key to your child's development and education. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress or curriculum, please make these concerns known to me. You may reach me by either leaving a note in my mailbox at the office or call me. I do give out my personal cell number, please reach out to get it from me. Please leave a message so I do not inadvertently block you. You may also reach me by email, mscurrey@arborland.com. I check my email every night.

Class Schedule

In the beginning of the year, your child will have a half hour of social time outside from 8:30-9:00. This gives your child a chance to transition into the classroom.

8:30-11:00 Montessori work time

11:00-11:15 Group time/singing movement

11:15-11:30 Prepare for lunch

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00-12:30 Outside Play

12:30 Nappers go inside

1:00-1:15 Group time/reading

1:15-2:45 Montessori work

3:00 Dismissal

Share Time \ Items from Home

Your child may bring in an educational item to share with the class during circle time such as a book, rocks, seashells, cultural or handmade items from home. We discourage toys as they can become a distraction. Friday afternoon we will take some time to share. Due to COVID, I am only requesting for your child to bring a few containers of PlayDoh labeled with their name. All other items will be supplied by the class.

Change of Clothes \ Nap time

It is not unusual for a child to have an accident or get wet from the activities they do in the classroom. Please bring a change of clothes to be stored here in case your child needs to change. Please label all clothes and put in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on the bag. Also, if your child is under 4 years old, please bring a crib sized sheet and a blanket for nap time.

Snack

A snack will be provided for your child during the morning work time. Unless your child stays for childcare, please try to limit snacks brought from home as this may discourage your child from eating their lunch at lunchtime.

Birthdays \ Timeline

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Birthdays are a very special day for you and your child. I would like to use this opportunity to give the children an experience of the passage of time with a personal timeline showing your child's stages of growth. On your child's birthday, you may bring in a special healthy snack to share (please provide plates, napkins, and necessary utensils). Your child may also commemorate the day by bringing a plant or book for the class. I would like to keep the focus on the birthday child. Please consider donating an item to the class instead of passing out goodie bags. I do keep track of all birthdays; however, I would appreciate a reminder and discussion in advance about the snack and the time of celebration.

The Montessori environment will provide every opportunity for your child to develop his/her skills at a pace that is designed for optimum growth and advancement.

Looking forward to an exciting year,
Suzanne Currey, Montessori Teacher – Classroom 3

Birthday Celebration Personal Time-Line Form

To make a personal timeline for your child on his/her birthday, we would appreciate that you fill out this form and return it prior to your child's birthday. The information you provide us will assist in our birthday celebration on your child's birthday. Two to three lines about your child at each stage is enough. Pictures of your child reflecting each age range would also be very helpful. If you'd like to create a poster that would be lovely. Photos will be returned.

Please tell us about any special development (first step/word/tooth (what was the first word), activities your child liked to do, special characteristics of that age, a special event according that year (vacation, first time on an airplane, birth of sibling, starting school, etc).

Your Child's Name _____

Born at _____ on _____

at (Time) _____

Weight/length _____

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