

August 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new friends, siblings and rising Kindergartners into our environment. This is going to be an exciting year as we all settle in, make new friends, share our experiences and help each other learn. Our responsible Kindergartners will be ready to be good role models for these new children, and are excited to share their knowledge with them.

My name is Priti Aery (pronounced Preetee Airy). I was born in New Delhi, India and have been in the States for the past 32 years and in Charlotte for 26 years. My husband and I are blessed with a 29 year old daughter and a 25 year old son. I have been teaching for the past 26 years and have been lucky to be a team member at this awesome school for the past 17 years.

Janet Simpson has been my assistant for the past 8 years, and she and her husband have a 30 year old daughter and a 22 year old son. She is wonderful and together we make a great team, helping your child succeed every day.

It is a tradition in our environment that we all wear slippers throughout the day. The children change into them when they come to school and change back into their shoes in the afternoon before outside time. These slippers stay in their cubbies and are sent home when they need to be replaced. These slippers need to be **PLAIN, lace free without any characters or fur**. It is important that they have a back on them and are a tight fit, so that your child's foot does not slip out. Remember that they do give with wear and tear. Make sure that these slippers are skid free. The girls are comfortable in ballet slippers and these and other kinds of slippers are available at Target, Wal-Mart and online. On the first day of school please send the following items with your child.

- A shoulder backpack big enough to hold a towel, composition and library books.
- Bath size towels for rest time (Please do not send beach towels; do keep your child's height in mind, and write your child's name on it).
- A change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) in a Ziploc bag labeled.
- 1 pack of nylon craft loops
- 1 Box of **16** Crayola watercolors
- Box of **24** Crayola color pencils and 1 pack of lead pencils
- **2 BLACK marble WIDE RULED** composition book. (3 books for kindergartners)
- *Kindergartners* need a white 2 inch three ring WHITE binder.
- *Kindergarten girls* - one packet of O-Cello sponges, 1 container of Clorox wipes
- *Kindergarten boys* – 1box of gallon size Ziploc bags , 1 box of sidewalk chalk
- *Pre K girls*- 2 boxes of quart size Ziploc bags,
- *Pre K boys*- Family size box of Kleenex, Pack of Elmer's glue sticks

I look forward to meeting all of you at the Open House for our classroom on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 am and answering all your questions, as we all sit together and discuss the coming school year. Hope you all have a great summer. Looking forward to all the hugs and smiles from the tall kindergartners.

Fondly, Ms. Priti.