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Dear Parents:

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer vacation. I am anxiously awaiting the start of another school year, the excitement of meeting new friends, and trying out new activities that I've been dreaming up.

The Kindergarten Program involves a variety of school personnel, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of our educational team:

Ms. Spiegelman.....Teacher
Ms. Wiley……Learning Support Teacher
Mrs. Carrington……...Learning Support Teacher
Dr, Martino.....Principal
Mrs. McDevitt…….....Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Lucas……...Office Assistant
Mrs. Ruzzi .....Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Siet .....Early Literacy Specialist
Mr. Yokom.....Physical Education
Ms. Thibault ……Library Media Specialist

I am hoping to meet you and your child at our kindergarten orientation on **Wed., September 6th at 10:30 AM.** The first PM session day of kindergarten will be on **September 7th , 12:45-3:35 PM.** Enclosed please find a general information questionnaire. I would appreciate if you could take a few moments to fill in the information and return to school with your child. Enjoy the remainder of your summer. I am looking forward to seeing all the new students and parents.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Spiegelman

Please cut off along line and return with Parent Questionnaire

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What does your child do at dismissal time? _____PM Class
(child's name)

____ Walk (picked up at the back door of gym) With whom? _____

____ Bus # _____

____MELC After School Program What days? **M T W Th F**

Is there anyone who will be picking your child up from school on a regular basis, besides Mom or Dad?

Dear Parents,

Welcome to kindergarten! This is an important year in your child's life. Here are some things that will help to get off to a great start.

1. **Learning new names:** We are making new friends and names are important. Please let us know what name your child would like to be called, and what he/she should write on all of their work.

2. **Send a school bag with your child every day:** It should be a bag your child can easily open and close. The bag should be large enough to hold a standard sized folder, without folding. This will help to ensure that notes arrive safely at home and at school.

3. **Dress:** Please dress your child in clothes meant for play. We will try to go outside every day, weather and daily schedule permitted.

4. **Kindergarten supplies**:

   We are asking each child to bring in the following items to share communally in the classroom:

   2 pocket folders – **RED- AM class / BLUE – PM class** labeled with your child's name

   names are only needed on the folders, as the other items are used by both classes

   - 1 box of 8 primary (LARGE/FAT, **not** Jumbo) crayons –classic colors (**Both classes**)
   - 1 box classic color markers **(Both Classes)**
   - 1 8oz bottle unscented hand sanitizer (pump style) (**AM Class**)
   - 3 glue sticks (wide grip) – **(PM Class only)**
   - 1 box small size Ziploc bags (**AM Class Only**)
   - 1 box of large size Ziploc bags (**PM Class only**)
   - 1 roll paper towels (**AM Class only**)
   - 1 box of tissues **(PM Class Only)**

5. **Special items from home: Please refrain from sending in any favorite toys, games, stuffed animals, etc., unless needed for a special project or assignment.**

   Please do not send in umbrellas!

6. **Read to your child every day: Bedtime is a good time to cuddle and share a book.**

4. **Keep in touch:** Keeping the lines of communication between home and school will directly benefit your kindergartner**.**

8. **Lastly, BE POSITIVE and get ready for a wonderful year!**

All Students will need a pair of headphones, sized for a small child, to be used with ipads and listening center. <u>Please note that the small ear bud type of headphones, that go directly into the ear, are not recommended</u>. The type that rests on the outside of the ear are best. <u>Those with separate volume control are not recommended</u>.

I will put each child's headphones in a Ziploc bag labeled with the child's name for their personal use.

Here are some suggestions:

Koss® Easy-clean Headphones:

http://www.highsmith.com/search/Koss%C2%AE%20Easy-clean%20Headphones/Kossreg-Easy-clean-Headphones-c_23409545/

Kidz-Gear Wired Headphones: (Apple sells these headphones too, but they cost $10 more)

http://www.amazon.com/Kidz-Gear-Wired-Headphones-Kids/dp/B0007NWL70/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1334185730&sr=8-1
Cyber Acoustics ACM-7000 Stereo Headphones for Kids:

http://www.amazon.com/Cyber-Acoustics-ACM-7000-Stereo-Headphones/dp/B003BNWZVK/ref=sr_1_11?s=electronics&ie=UTF8&qid=1334186683&sr=1-11

iFrogz EP-LR-NM-PRP Little Rockerz Headphones:

http://www.amazon.com/iFrogz-EP-LR-NM-PRP-Little-Rockerz-Headphones/dp/B005ITY7KM/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top

Syba CL-AUD63032 Circumaural Over-Ear Stereo Headphones:

http://www.amazon.com/Syba-CL-AUD63032-Circumaural-Over-Ear-Headphone/dp/B0061ZFWDS/ref=cm_cr_pr_product_top

child's name _____ (cirlce one) AM / PM

Parents,
Please take a few minutes to briefly answer the following questions to help me get to know your child better.

1. What name does your child like to be called?

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2. Any siblings? Names and ages. If your child has a sibling attending Cynwyd School, who is the sibling's teacher?

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3. Do you have any pets?

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4. Does your child have any allergies? (please specify)

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5. Does your child dress independently? Can your child tie his/her own shoes?

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6. How often do you and your child read together?

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7. What are your child's favorite activities? Special talents or interests?

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8. Please share with me your cell phone number and e-mail address. (please print clearly)

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Use the reverse side of this paper for any other important information you wish to share.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!
Ms. Suzanne Spiegelman