

The Bear Facts For August/September 2011



Dear Moms and Dads,

Welcome to Riviera Day School and our **“beary”** special class! We hope you are ready for a year filled with many **fun** learning experiences within a **loving, encouraging** environment for your child and you!

Each month you will receive a newsletter with information and themes to be explored, along with coordinating activities. A **“Special Snacks”** and **“Volunteer”** list will be posted each month on the **“Parent Corner”** door (to your immediate right when entering our room). Please feel free to sign up- **don’t be shy!** There will be extra sign-ups for field trips and parties as needed. Any help you can offer is **“beary” appreciated!!!**

For the next few weeks your little ones will be settling into the routine of our classroom family! There is so much your children (and you) are adjusting to – it takes **time** and **patience** from us all!

Each day **1** child will be **“Today’s Teddy”!** A **bear note** will come home the **day before** your child’s turn. For this day your child should choose **1** special item for **“Show and Tell” -no toy weapons,** please! As **“Today’s Teddy”** your child will be the all important line leader, hold the American Flag, help with the calendar, weather chart, etc. It is important to

be **on time every day**, but **especially so on his/her day**, in order to participate during our **“Welcome Circle”**.

Please teach your child to place any items brought in for **“Show and Tell”** or other activities requested, in his/her **cubby**, upon entering our classroom. This will encourage **responsibility!**

NAEYC health policy **requires all children to wash their hands with soap and water before entering the classroom.**

Please come to school a few minutes early to allow sufficient time. The bathrooms in the Narthex, next to Mrs. Chavez’s office, and through the Fellowship Hall, are available. We are depending on you to help us meet this requirement. Thanks so much!



Please check your child’s backpack **every day!** School information or a young artist’s creation might be waiting for you! **Make it a priority!!!** You wouldn’t want to miss out on anything--- **especially the smile on your child’s proud face!**

A calendar will accompany each monthly newsletter. It will be filled with reminders regarding daily classroom happenings. Extra notes will come home for various activities--so again, an **important reason to check your child’s back-pack and folder each day!**

Please be sure to help your child hang up his/her backpack on the appropriate hook in the hall, remove any necessary items, then bring them to class. Items requested are to be placed in

cubbies- folders are to be placed in the **"Homework"** basket on the cubby shelf, before your child goes to the oval carpet, to begin our morning (**don't forget hugs and kisses goodbye**). Doing this each day will **teach routine and responsibility**.

Don't forget **PARENT NIGHT- Thursday, Sept. 1st at 7:00 PM**. We will provide you a small taste of your child's daily experiences in our classroom while informing and hopefully **reassuring** you of your child's importance to us. **Curious?** See you then!

Themes we will explore these first few weeks are "Me", "School", "Family", "#1", "Colors", "Color Words", "Name Recognition", "Aa", "Bb", "Cc", "Patriot's Day", "Fall", and "Johnny Appleseed". **Jack Hartman** will visit RDS to entertain us **Thursday, Sept. 22nd**. Please come to the **Sanctuary at 9:30 AM** and be a part of the fun!

Whew!!! We hope you and your little ones will have **many fun moments together** during our year together, as you gather items needed or talk about each day. **You** play a **vital** role in **your child's early learning**. We thank you for the **trust** you have placed in us, and for your **enthusiasm**, and **understanding** during this time of new experiences! If you ever have any questions; know we are here to answer them!!!



Bear Hugs to You!!!

Brenda Moore and Shelley Beaulieu

