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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to the "Wonderful World of Kindergarten." We hope you are having a relaxing summer. Entering kindergarten is a milestone for you and your child, and the faculty is eager to share in your joy and excitement! Before school starts, your child will receive a letter from us.

On Tuesday, September 6, please walk your children down the outdoor side stairway where s/he will meet the other Kindergarten children. The children will be escorted into the classroom by their teachers. If your child has difficulty with this initial separation, please be assured that the teachers will work with both you and your child to make this transition smooth and comfortable. We want to assure bus parents that there will be plenty of teachers available to help the bus children get settled in their classroom. At the end of the day, students will be escorted to the MPR at 3:00 p.m. where they will wait with their class and a teacher to be called for carpool or bus. All students will be checked out at the front door with a staff member that has a master dismissal list.

In the meantime, we can give you a list of some things that you and your child can start preparing. Your child should bring in the following items:

- A large book bag for transporting projects and lunches
- A complete change of clothes with each piece of clothing clearly labeled in a plastic container with the child's name
- A heavy towel (i.e., beach towel) for rest time (no sleeping bags, blankets or foam mats)
- A drawstring or plastic zippered bag to store rest mat
- A reusable water bottle
- An extra kippah to keep at school
- Wide hair clips for kippot (not bobby pins)

Children should bring their own snack to school each day. Please be sure that a dairy or pareve lunch is packed every day beginning on the first day of kindergarten, unless you have purchased hot lunch for your child. Friday dismissal will be at 3:00 p.m. until Daylight Savings time changes on Sunday, November 6, which is the beginning of Eastern Standard Time. Dismissal will be at 1:45 p.m. beginning on Friday, November 11 and change back to 3:00 on Friday, March 17. In order to avoid any confusion, there will be frequent reminders on our website.

We are sure you have lots of questions about the program, the schedule, and the curriculum. We look forward to talking with you at the Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. At that time, we will give you an in-depth look at your child's day in our kindergarten.

We wish you a wonderful end to your summer. We are eager to get to know both you and your child.

Barbara Sidman & Beth Tassinari

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IDENTITY
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INTELLECT
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COMPASSION
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