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Dear Toddler Families,

We welcome you and your child to the Pinecones.

Our toddler community supports the School's youngest children by assisting them with becoming independent and self-confident as they learn to socialize and develop expressive language. We do this by providing a safe, caring, and orderly environment to promote growth.

To assure a smooth and comfortable transition for your child, we have scheduled three events.

Home Visit

Your child's orientation program begins with a home visit during the week of August 22nd. The purpose of this visit is to allow your child and guide to meet comfortably in your home for 15-20 minutes. You should have received a letter with your child's specific visit date and time via the USPS.

Please call the school (507.288.8725) or email Melissa (melissa@rmschool.org) if you need to arrange a different time.

Back-to-School Parents' Meeting

The second event is our parents' meeting which takes place on Thursday, August 25th beginning at 6:30pm. This parents' meeting begins in our media center and then continues in your child's classroom where your child's guide will discuss daily procedure, communication practices, and other pertinent information.

Orientation Schedule

You should have received a letter in the mail discussing your child's specific orientation schedule. Please remember there will be times where the child will be in the classroom without you.

Items to Bring to School

We ask that you bring the following items on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th:

- Two changes of clothes/underpants; please label all clothing with your child's name
- A one week supply of diapers, if your child uses them
- Two packages of wipes
- Two boxes of facial tissue
- Four sticks of "purple" glue sticks
- One box of washable markers
- Three current wallet size photos of your child
- A blanket and crib sheet if your child is in the full day program

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The Full Day Program

If your child is scheduled for full day, it is important to understand that she or he will be in a school setting. As such, we expect your child to be able to:

- Sit in a chair and feed her-or himself
- Drink from a cup – a regular cup, not sippy
- Rest/sleep on a cot in a room with other children

We recognize the full day program can be a long day for some children, if not tiring. This is why we implement an initial 30 day trial period after which we will visit with you regarding whether a full day placement is in the best interest of your child.

Finally!

We enclose a copy of our **Toddler Orientation Guidelines**. Please review this before coming to school. We also enclose an **Information Form**. Please complete and give this to us during the home visit; we look forward to seeing all of you during the orientation program and, of course, during the school year.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon,

Melissa Miland and Sarah Dennis
Pinecones Toddler Community