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Hello Children's Garden Toddler Family!

As the summer turns its way into August, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year. We are pleased to introduce this year's Toddler program teaching teams and welcome you and your child to our school community! This is to bring you a few important things to know as you prepare for the weeks ahead.

If your child is new to the Toddler program, one of your child's teachers will contact you to arrange for a **home visit** close to the start of school. This brief visit allows us to meet and begin getting to know your child in their most comfortable setting, as well as provide you an opportunity to broach any general questions you may have about the program, your child's preparation, and your expectations*. Your child may want to invite the teacher to see some of their favorite things or they may prefer to observe quietly while you talk. The visit should last about 20-30 minutes. Teachers will also ask you to take some time before the start of school to download and fill out a [New Student Profile](#) which will help us get to know your child a bit more. Printed copies are available.

*If there are sensitive or in-depth items to discuss we prefer to arrange an additional conversation time when your child is not present.

Teachers will get in touch with new Toddler student families about a home visit soon!!

Please gather the following items ahead of the start of school (for pick-up at a home visit or email to your classroom email (see below):

- 1 vertical 4x6 photograph of your child, and 1 vertical 4x6 photograph of your family. These will be used to identify your child's cubby and place in the classroom. Please do not send in a frame.
- A pair of inside shoes for your child to wear at school. We recommend crocs or natives. They are easy to clean and assist with toileting.
- Any updates of information for the office.

Please bring the following items for the first day of school:

- A small backpack with:
 - A change of weather-appropriate clothing (multiple changes if your child is practicing toilet independence)
 - Wet-bag
 - Diapers
 - Wipes

--- Please label all clothing and belongings with your child's name (yes, even the socks)! ---

Snacks are available to children during their daily sessions. The school will provide a snack for the first 2 weeks of school and a rotation schedule for families will be sent home the week ahead of the start of school. Please talk with us if your child has a specialized diet, allergies and if you prefer to bring specific food items for your child.

School officially begins the week of August 28th with an Orientation/Phase-In schedule. Toddler children attend for a shorter time than usual the first 2 weeks to help them ease into the change of routine. This creates a "soft start" for the children, as is typical for the start of school at CGMS. Along with this letter you will have received a schedule for the first couple of weeks with the abbreviated session times. As a reminder:

Toddler children attend on their regular enrolled days (aside from school closure days)

Week 1, August 28-31, 1 ½ hours

- AM Classes attend 8:30 – 10:00 am
- PM classes attend 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Week 2, September 5-8, 2 hours

- AM Classes attend 8:30-10:30 am
- PM Classes attend 12:30-2:30 pm

Week 3, September 11-15, full 2 ½ hours schedule

Classroom Visit drop-in on Friday, August 25th (formerly known as meet -n- greet). Plan to stop by with your child for a brief visit during the designated time. You do not need to stay the whole time. Rather than a social gathering, this is a time for teachers to show you and your child the environment and a few features before the first day of drop-off at the gate. Toddler sessions are timed such that those with children in both programs may first visit Primary before visiting Toddler. **XP** children and parents are welcome to come by during either their AM or PM class designated time.

Classroom visit open times

- Primary AM (Ward-Hobbs and BJ-440) classes: 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Toddler AM (2, 3 and 5 day) classes: 9:30 to 10:30 am
- Primary PM (Ward-Hobbs & BJ-440) classes: 12:00 to 1:00 pm
- Toddler PM (2, 3 and 5 day) classes: 12:30 to 1:30 pm

You will also want to plan to join us for the kick-off of the school year **Family Picnic**. Save the date for **Thursday, August 31st, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Alamo Placita Park**. More details in the School Newsletter.

More to Come: Back to School Nights for Parents (look for dates on your school calendar), Parent Coffee Socials, School Directory (distributed in the fall after the start of school).

Stay up to date. Your first **2023-24 School Newsletter** is coming to your inbox soon! This informative email is sent weekly throughout the school year. Also, see the [Parent section of the website](#) for additional items including the [Start of School Schedules](#), [Parent Orientation](#) presentation and your [Parent Handbook](#), which has lots of information you will want to read and refer to during the school year.

We look forward to our school year together!

Your Toddler Teaching Team

Toddler classes: Kristen Blomgren and Rose Jordan
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