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Dear Families of Classroom A,

I would like to extend the warmest "Welcome" to all the new families this year at Arborland and "Welcome back" to all the returning families. Shi Lao Shi and I are very excited to welcome the children back into the classroom for our Mandarin/English Dual Immersion Program. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. As the whole world continues to cope with the ongoing pandemic we appreciate your trust in our commitment to navigate through these times and in the partnership with you. Your child's education is very special, and we are honored to have the opportunity to help and guide your child as they grow and learn. I have worked at Arborland for 30 years and have both Primary and Lower Elementary Montessori training. Shi Lao Shi has been at Arborland for 5 years. She has a Master Degree of Music Education and Primary Montessori Training as well.

During this time of COVID 19 there will be some changes to the daily operation to assure the health and well-being of the children and staff. We will be using both Classrooms A & B to ensure social distancing but we will continue to be known as Classroom A. Your child's temperature will be taken upon entering the school. All children and staff will wear masks during the day except when they are eating and napping. Hand washing will be required upon entering the classroom, before eating, after restroom use and touching their face. The children will have individual assigned tables to work at with their own supplies (please see attached list). Any material used by the children will be cleaned and disinfected by the teachers before it is placed back on the shelf. Teachers and staff will be disinfecting heavy use areas, such as door handles, sinks and toilets, multiple times a day. Though we will be practicing physical distancing, we understand the importance of socialization at this age. Every effort will be made to make your child feel safe, loved and comfortable in the classroom environment while instilling the new rules. Children will be dismissed to the office upon your arrival. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Attached are a few pages that outlined some of the things that we are implementing to ensure the safety of your child and our whole community. Please take a moment to go over these with your child ahead of the first day of school and lovingly explain the necessity of these guidelines *[also see section on Back-to-school Blues for more tips]*.

Parent Teacher Communication

We have planned conferences twice yearly, however, please be assured that this is not

the only time that you can talk to me. Our communication is the key to your child's development and education. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's progress or curriculum, please make these concerns known to me, regardless of how small or unimportant you may think the problem is. You may reach me by either leaving a note in my mailbox, calling the main office to leave a message, texting me or calling my cell after school hours at (562) 201-3972. You may also reach me by email. Please send me an email with your name and your child's name on the email as soon as possible so that I can put the correct email address in my list of contacts. This will aid in sending you monthly reports.

Snack

A snack will be provided for your child during the morning work time. Unless your child stays for childcare, please try to limit snacks brought from home as this may discourage your child from eating their lunch. Snacks will be served by the teacher upon request at the child's assigned table.

Birthdays \ Timeline

Birthdays are a very special day for you and your child. I would like to use this opportunity to give the children an experience of the passage of time with a personal timeline showing your child's stages of growth. A Birthday Celebration Timeline is attached to this letter. Please fill it out and return to me before the birthday date. On your child's birthday, you may bring in a special healthy snack to share (please provide plates, napkins, cups or necessary utensils). Your child may also commemorate the day by bringing a plant or book for the class. I would like to keep the focus on the birthday child. Please consider donating an item to the class as we will not be able to pass out goodie bags to minimize potential exposure to germs/viruses. I do keep track of all birthdays; however, I would appreciate a reminder and discussion in advance about the snack and the time of celebration. At this time, parents may attend by Zoom meeting instead of in person.

The prepared Montessori environment will provide every opportunity for your child to develop his/her skills at a pace that is designed for optimum growth and advancement. Do not be alarmed if there is no paperwork going home. Many activities do not have paperwork. If you ever have any questions, please contact me.

Looking forward to an exciting year,

Sheri Salzman

2020 Supply List

Due to COVID-19, your child will need their own supplies to use in the classroom. If you have any problems finding these items, please contact me for help.

small box of crayons

24 box of colored pencils

glue sticks

child size scissors

eraser

Birthday Celebration Personal Time-Line Form

To make a personal timeline for your child on his/her birthday, we would appreciate that you fill out this form and return it to me as soon as possible. The information you provide us will assist in our birthday celebration on your child's birthday, which you are welcome to attend. Two to three lines about your child at each stage is enough. Pictures of your child reflecting each age range would also be very helpful. Photos will be returned.

Please tell us about any special development (first step/word/tooth (what was the first word), activities your child liked to do, special characteristics of that age, a special event according to that year (vacation, first time on an airplane, birth of a sibling, starting school, etc).

Your Child's Name_____

Born at _____ on _____

at (Time) _____

Weight/length _____

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