Dear Kindergarten Dove parents,

I am so excited our school year is about to begin! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach your child and be part of their growing experience.

I want to start by sharing that your child will be well loved in our Dove classroom. It is most important to me that all my students feel a part of our Dove community and know their presence is valued. I chose the “Dove” as our classroom name as we will be working to create a peaceful environment. We will also have lots of fun in our learning! I am really looking forward to getting to know your child. As I get to know their learning style and interests, I will be creating an environment that will help foster their growth emotionally, socially, physically and intellectually. It is so wonderful the Montessori Method gives me this opportunity to create an individual learning experience for your child.

I strongly believe parents and teachers share a partnership in helping develop the child. In that, I ask you please feel free to email me to discuss thoughts that arise throughout the year you feel may help your child with their experience in my classroom. Together we will work to create a very positive experience for your child.

I am excited to announce Sandi Purdy has volunteered to be our class mama. She will be coordinating our classroom snack schedule and volunteer time. **We will be asking parents to sign up for bringing snacks for a week at a time. Sandi is creating a menu to make this as easy as possible, and we will have the signup available at our kinder welcome evening on the 29th.** There are many extra duties of the classroom I would love help with throughout the year. Starting in October we will be welcoming parent help in the classroom with reading with the students and material making.

Our open house time on the 29th will be a meet and greet opportunity for you and your child. I will have a few different stations for the children to choose a craft to enjoy. I am hoping you can get your child settled and then let them enjoy the experience independently and enjoy mingling with the parents, picking up your child at 5:30.

Supplies we need each child to come with on first day of school….

\* 2 Tuesday folders….folder designs of choice with their names on them

\* Can of cheap shaving cream for a special art project ☺

\* Play dough – homemade or store bought would be great!

\* Water bottle with lunch

\* Please keep lunches low in sugar…no juice please ☺

Thank you moms and dads for choosing our wonderful Community Roots School! Here’s to a great Kindergarten year!

Warm Regards,

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