Welcome!
Last week we were excited to meet many of the children and parents of our classroom. Thank you so much for the enthusiastic start to our year together! Please see below for a some brief notes:

We Have a Blog!
Please check out our class website where you will be able to view pictures of our learning at school, a calendar of important events, information about the Jr. Kindergarten staff and much more! You can access our blog at http://jrkindergarten.edublogs.org/. The blog will be used as a tool of regular communication and will have links to newsletters with colour photos!

Change of Clothing
If you have not already left a change of clothing for your child with the Junior Kindergarten staff please do so as soon as possible - we never know an accident might happen, having spare clothing at school will make your child feel more comfortable! Please bring all spare clothing in a labelled bag.

Outdoor Play
Several times a week we plan to spend at least 15 minutes playing outdoors. Please help to ensure that your child is dressed in weather appropriate gear so that they are able to play comfortably. Bringing light gloves or a rain jacket/boots might be a good idea as the fall weather sets in.

Snack
Thank you for sending delicious and healthy snacks with your child each day. The children have about 15 minutes to eat their snack each day. We ask that you please consider this time frame when deciding on the size of snack you send. Some children feel that they are required to eat all that is packed for them!

Our First Project
Plans are already under way for the beginning of our first class project. We will begin our year with an exploration of toys - what better? Look for more information on this project and your child’s role in your mailbox next week.

Class Photos
We have arranged for Sara’s Smiles portrait studio to come out to do individual and group photos for our class. We plan to do these photos outside, on campus. Our photos will take place on Wednesday, September 28th. All photos ordered will be ready in time for the holiday season.

Save the Date!
On the evening of October 5, 2011 we will hold a Junior Kindergarten Parent Information Evening from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in room 203 (same building as our classroom). Hope to see you there!

Absence
Although we look forward to seeing your child at school each day we understand that there are times when children will be absent due to illness, appointments or other scheduled activities. We are required by our licensing authority to ensure that we are informed of daily absences. If your child will be absent from school please give us a call or send an e-mail to let us know.

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