



September 4, 2018

## From the Director's Desk

This past Friday, the teaching and therapy staff came together to move furniture, clean, organize, and create a welcoming space for children and parents as they returned to Childgarden today. During our professional development day, we examined the importance of the many communities that we each belong to now as adults, as well as those we belonged to as children. We shared the feelings that are created when we belong to a community. Additionally, we explored ways in which we could build a stronger Childgarden community, something that we all acknowledged was important to us. We look forward to engaging parents in this process in the upcoming school year!

I hope that the Childgarden "Brown Bear" transition book was helpful in preparation for this week for you and your child. The children seemed excited to be visiting their new spaces and having new teachers stop by to play. I encourage you to come by and chat with me or any of the staff if we can do anything to assist with the transitions of the week!

-Debbie

## Parent and Teacher Communication

All classrooms will be utilizing binders and notebooks. Please take a minute at drop off and pick up to sign your child in/ out. We want to refocus on communication between teachers and parents.

What can you expect from your child's binder:

- How your child ate and napped each day
- Your child's journal, in which his/her teacher will share their observations
- A copy of your child's goals
- Important information that needs to go home

## Wednesday, October 3: Flu Shots

On Wednesday, October 3 from 3-6 p.m., Lori Mills, Jackson Mills' mom, will be offering flu shots at Childgarden. Lori is a pharmacist for Schnucks and is making this service available to Childgarden staff and families.

For those who are interested, she has provided forms to fill out in advance. She will run your insurance information prior to October 3 making it quick and easy the day of. If your insurance

company doesn't cover the cost, Lori will notify you. I will send out reminders over the following weeks. The forms are at the front desk, if interested.



## Tuesday, September 11: End of Summer Party

The Childgarden classrooms will close out the summer season with an "end of summer" party on Tuesday, September 11. Classrooms will enjoy water play on the playground, music, and snacks. Thank you to Darlene, in Dragonflies, for spearheading this event. Please feel free to check-in with Darlene if you would like to offer assistance or supplies.