

July 31, 2014

Dear Families,

On behalf of the staff at Fair Garden Family Community Center, welcome to a brand new school year! We are excited about the start of this school year and look forward to working with you and your child(ren) this year.

At Fair Garden we participate in “staggered entry.” This process encourages a gradual transition from home to school. Each preschooler is assigned a staggered entry day and will come to school **only on that day** during the first week of school (August 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>). Children will meet all of the pre-school teachers and a few classmates on this day. You can arrive as early as 7:20 a.m., but please no later than 7:35 a.m. Staggered days are from 7:35 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and each minute is vital time during the instructional day. Our staff will be available to greet you and will escort your child to the classroom where he/she will begin his/her assessments for the day.

The following week, class rolls will be created and you will know who your child’s teacher will be for the year. You will receive a phone call from the school stating your child’s teacher and the staggered days for your child during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We invite you to attend our **“Open House on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** We will meet in the gym and then you will have a chance to tour the halls to the different classrooms. Also, please add **“PreK Parent Information Night”** to your calendar. It will be on **August 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** At this time, we will give you an overview of our new curriculum “High Scope” which will be implemented this school year. After the overview, you will visit your child’s classroom where the teachers will review with you their classroom procedures and expectations for the year.

Breakfast and lunch will be served each day beginning the first staggered day of school. Buses will not run during the staggered days, but will begin on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Below, we have included your child’s staggered day and the classroom teacher he/she will be with for that day. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and please don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions.

True to education,

Tiffany Watkins, Principal

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**Student’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Staggered Day:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher for the Day:** \_\_\_\_\_