

**Good Samaritan**  
**August 2020 News**

**Summer/Covid update**

Can you believe it is already August? This strange summer has flown by. We are really excited for the new school year! Though things are still very much different, we are thankful that we can be here for our students and families. We will continue with the same drop off protocol and with classes social distancing from each other. Please remember to stay home when you or your child isn't feeling well. Please let the office know of any absences, planned or unplanned. Adults must wear masks in the building and parking lot. Teach your children to cover their coughs and sneezes, and wash, wash, wash your hands. Modeling proper handwashing techniques and

frequency is the best way for them to internalize that you think it's important.

**Thank you**

We can't say it enough: we are so grateful for all your support during this crazy time. We understand that it has been a struggle for everybody. We are here for you, and we want to hear from you if there is anything you need. Our doors are always open. Good Sam Preschool has always been more than just a preschool, but a second home. Thank you for having our backs.

**Fall Classes**

Fall classes start on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see your child's fall class.



**Infants Ms. Laura Room  
#10**

1. Khilo
2. Layla (Ladybugs in Sept)
3. Luke
4. Luca (Ladybugs in Sept)

**Ladybugs Ms. Janice and  
Ms. Kaelyn Room #14**

1. Mack
2. Sam
3. Rio
4. Adelina (Sept)
5. Layla (Sept)
6. Luca (Sept)
7. Abby

**Teddy Bears Ms. Maria  
and Ms. Co Room #15**

1. Anna
2. Aiden P.
3. Advait (Flower in Oct)
4. Carolina (Flower in Sept)
5. Albie

**Flowers 2's Ms. Lyn Room  
#12**

1. Chloe
2. Ness
3. Carolina (Sept)
4. Advait (Oct)

**Rainbows 2/3 combo**

**Ms. Dee Room # 11**

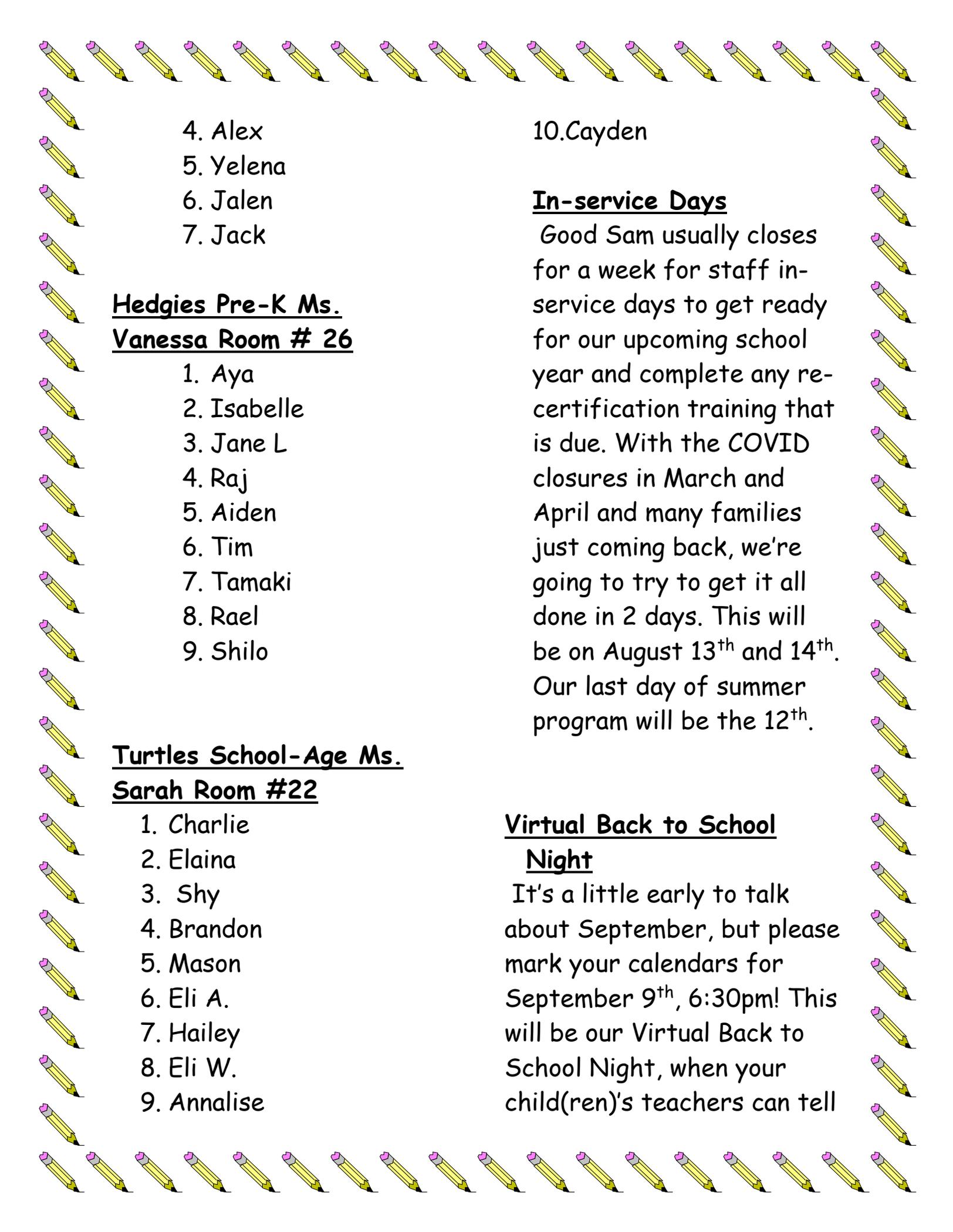
1. Irene
2. Henry
3. Everleigh
4. Benjamin

**Alpacas 3's Ms. Sneha  
Room # 24**

1. Theo
2. Caroline
3. Dylan
4. Aylie
5. Yu
6. Olivia
7. Poom

**Bumble Bees 4's/Pre-K #  
Ms. Lydia Room # 25**

1. Marlina
2. Jane S
3. Myra

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4. Alex
  5. Yelena
  6. Jalen
  7. Jack

**Hedgies Pre-K Ms.**  
**Vanessa Room # 26**

1. Aya
2. Isabelle
3. Jane L
4. Raj
5. Aiden
6. Tim
7. Tamaki
8. Rael
9. Shilo

**Turtles School-Age Ms.**  
**Sarah Room #22**

1. Charlie
2. Elaina
3. Shy
4. Brandon
5. Mason
6. Eli A.
7. Hailey
8. Eli W.
9. Annalise

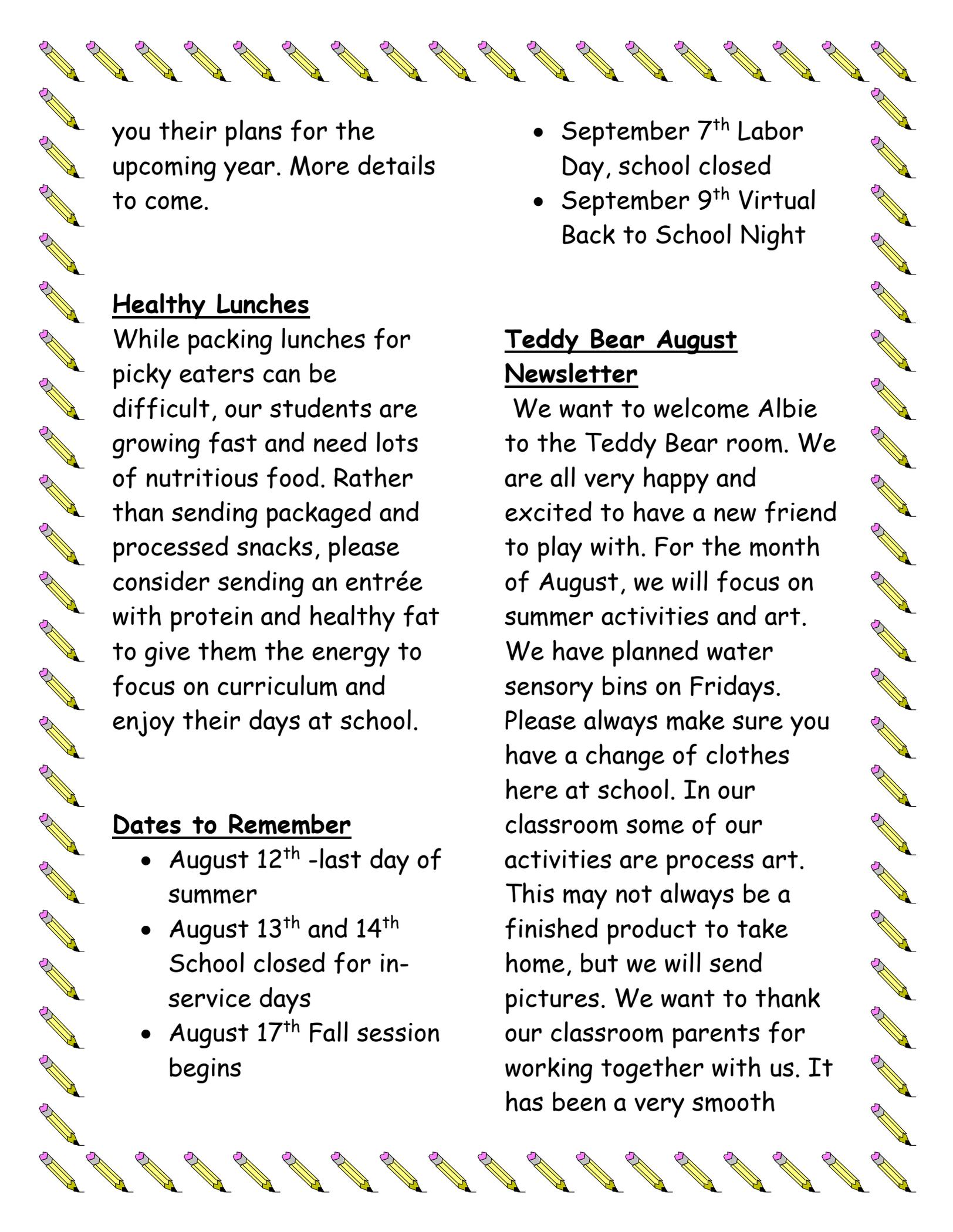
10. Cayden

**In-service Days**

Good Sam usually closes for a week for staff in-service days to get ready for our upcoming school year and complete any re-certification training that is due. With the COVID closures in March and April and many families just coming back, we're going to try to get it all done in 2 days. This will be on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Our last day of summer program will be the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Virtual Back to School Night**

It's a little early to talk about September, but please mark your calendars for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm! This will be our Virtual Back to School Night, when your child(ren)'s teachers can tell



you their plans for the upcoming year. More details to come.

### Healthy Lunches

While packing lunches for picky eaters can be difficult, our students are growing fast and need lots of nutritious food. Rather than sending packaged and processed snacks, please consider sending an entrée with protein and healthy fat to give them the energy to focus on curriculum and enjoy their days at school.

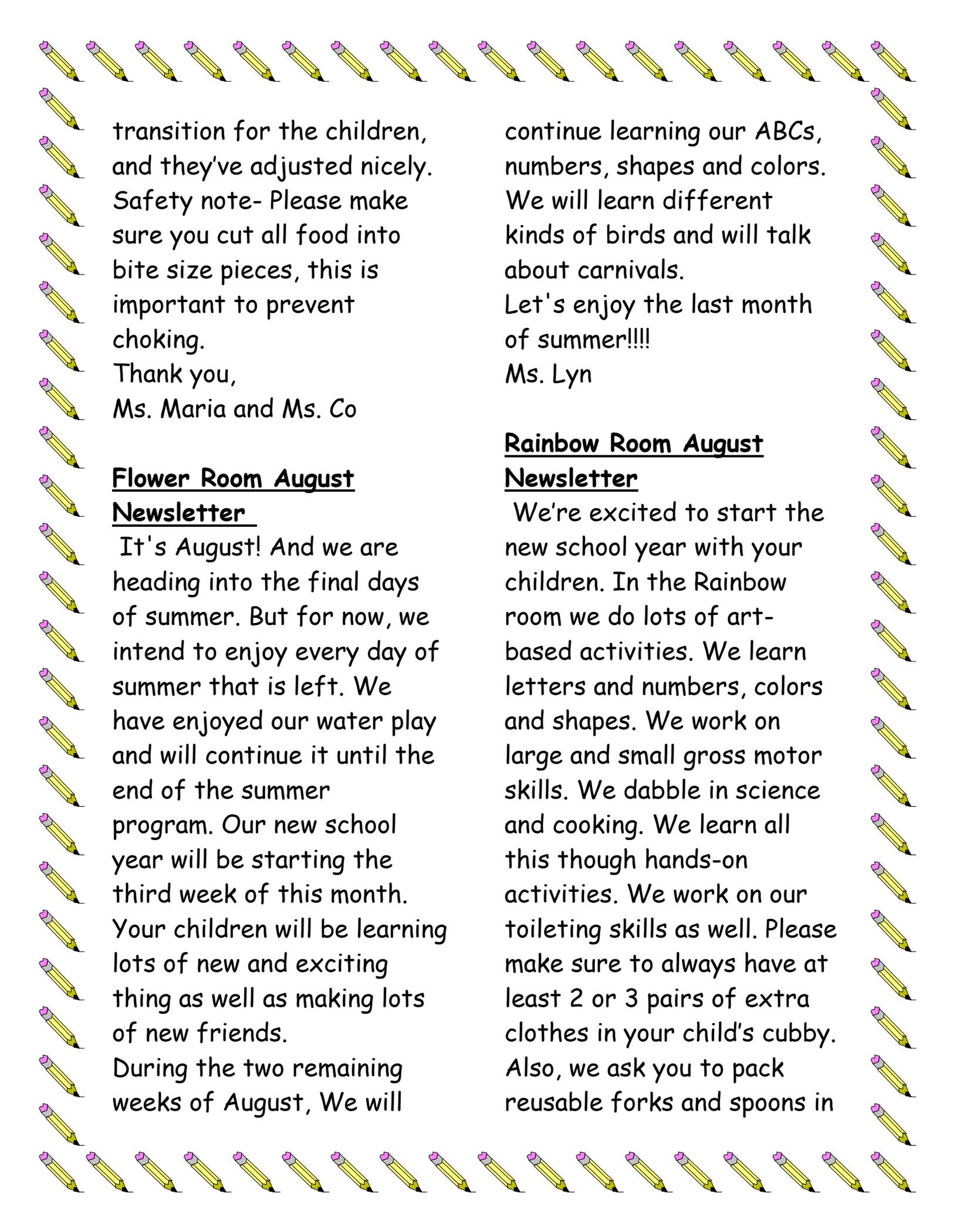
### Dates to Remember

- August 12<sup>th</sup> -last day of summer
- August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> School closed for in-service days
- August 17<sup>th</sup> Fall session begins

- September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day, school closed
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Virtual Back to School Night

### Teddy Bear August Newsletter

We want to welcome Albie to the Teddy Bear room. We are all very happy and excited to have a new friend to play with. For the month of August, we will focus on summer activities and art. We have planned water sensory bins on Fridays. Please always make sure you have a change of clothes here at school. In our classroom some of our activities are process art. This may not always be a finished product to take home, but we will send pictures. We want to thank our classroom parents for working together with us. It has been a very smooth



transition for the children,  
and they've adjusted nicely.  
Safety note- Please make  
sure you cut all food into  
bite size pieces, this is  
important to prevent  
choking.

Thank you,  
Ms. Maria and Ms. Co

### Flower Room August Newsletter

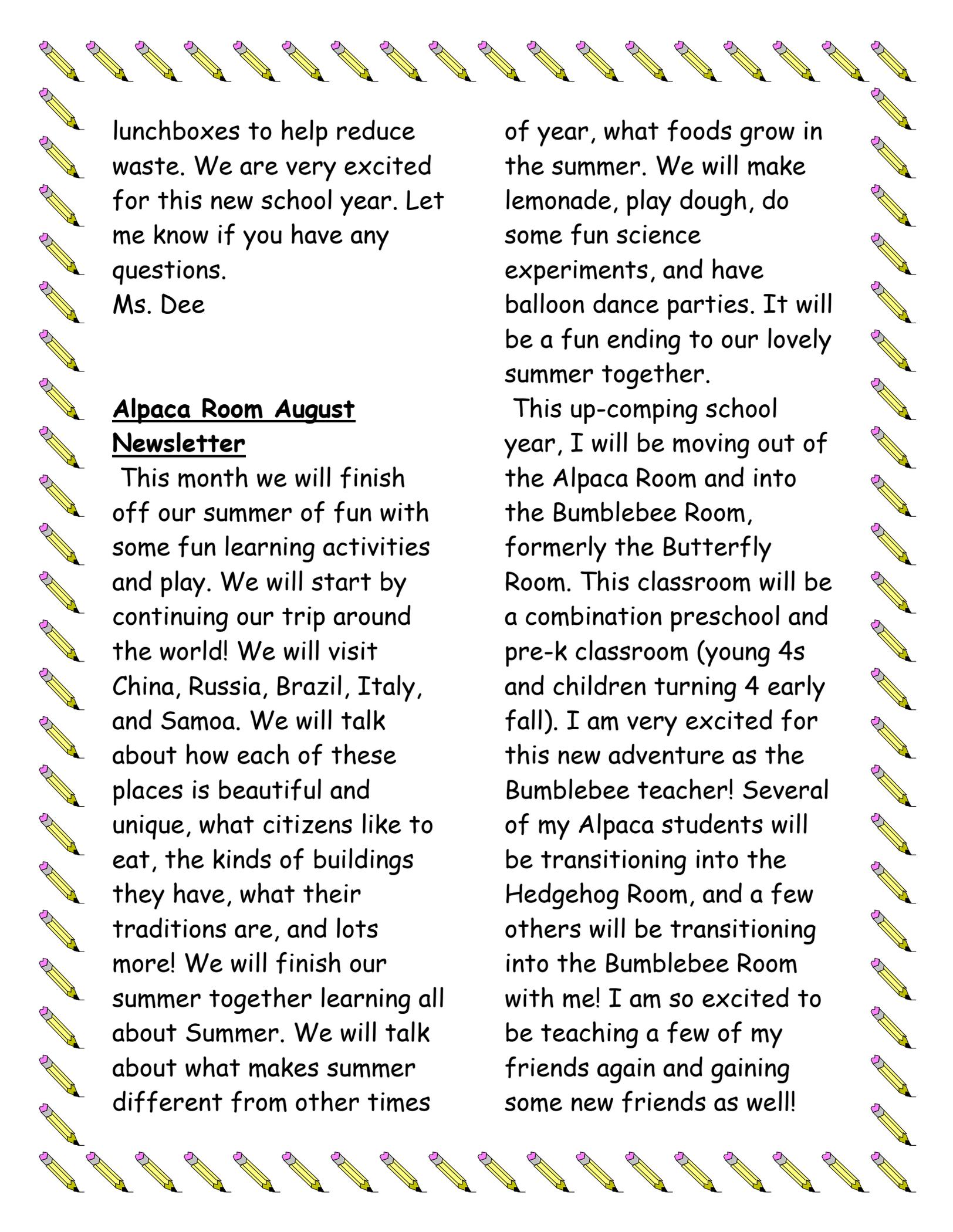
It's August! And we are  
heading into the final days  
of summer. But for now, we  
intend to enjoy every day of  
summer that is left. We  
have enjoyed our water play  
and will continue it until the  
end of the summer  
program. Our new school  
year will be starting the  
third week of this month.  
Your children will be learning  
lots of new and exciting  
thing as well as making lots  
of new friends.  
During the two remaining  
weeks of August, We will

continue learning our ABCs,  
numbers, shapes and colors.  
We will learn different  
kinds of birds and will talk  
about carnivals.  
Let's enjoy the last month  
of summer!!!!

Ms. Lyn

### Rainbow Room August Newsletter

We're excited to start the  
new school year with your  
children. In the Rainbow  
room we do lots of art-  
based activities. We learn  
letters and numbers, colors  
and shapes. We work on  
large and small gross motor  
skills. We dabble in science  
and cooking. We learn all  
this though hands-on  
activities. We work on our  
toileting skills as well. Please  
make sure to always have at  
least 2 or 3 pairs of extra  
clothes in your child's cubby.  
Also, we ask you to pack  
reusable forks and spoons in



lunchboxes to help reduce waste. We are very excited for this new school year. Let me know if you have any questions.

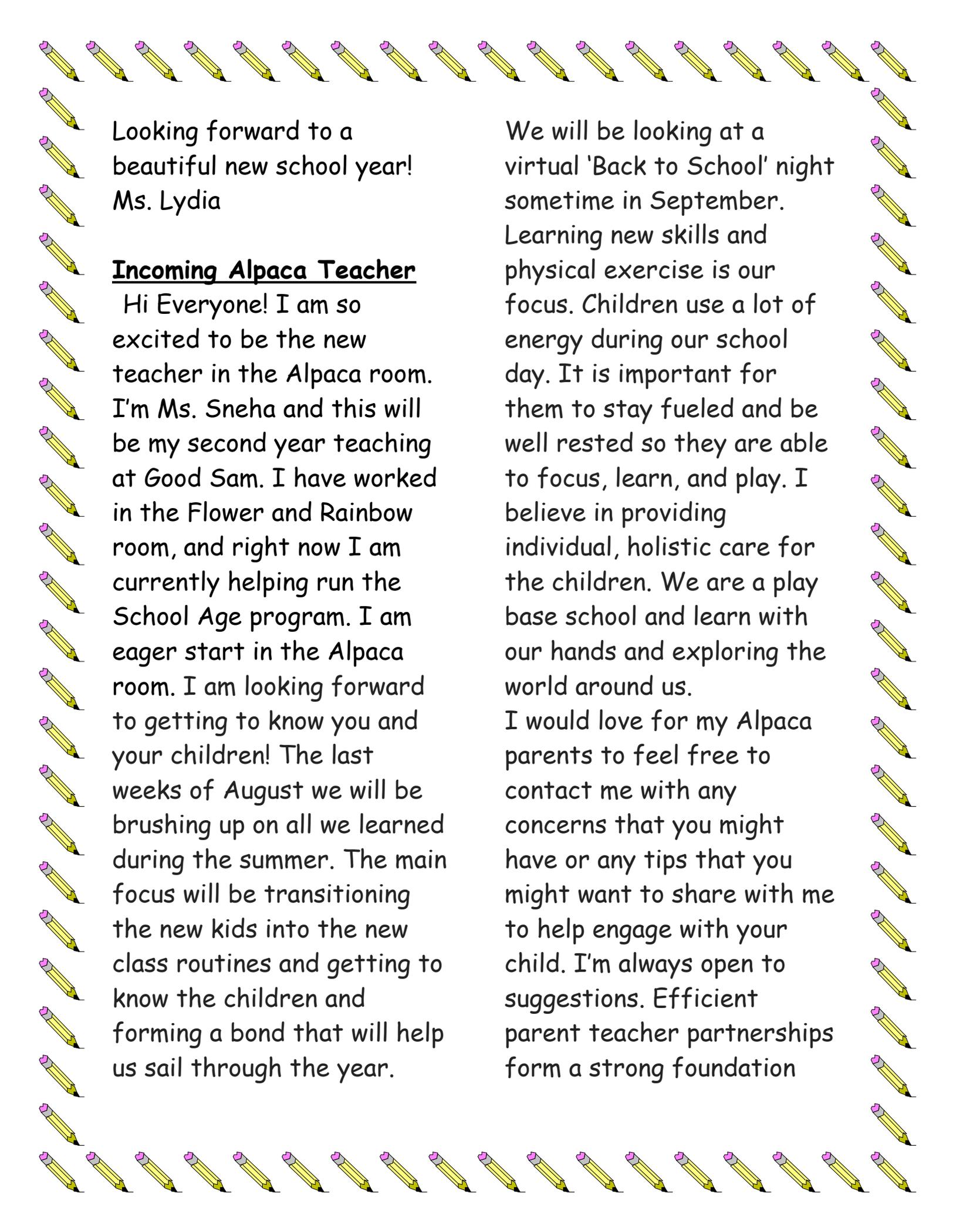
Ms. Dee

### Alpaca Room August Newsletter

This month we will finish off our summer of fun with some fun learning activities and play. We will start by continuing our trip around the world! We will visit China, Russia, Brazil, Italy, and Samoa. We will talk about how each of these places is beautiful and unique, what citizens like to eat, the kinds of buildings they have, what their traditions are, and lots more! We will finish our summer together learning all about Summer. We will talk about what makes summer different from other times

of year, what foods grow in the summer. We will make lemonade, play dough, do some fun science experiments, and have balloon dance parties. It will be a fun ending to our lovely summer together.

This up-coming school year, I will be moving out of the Alpaca Room and into the Bumblebee Room, formerly the Butterfly Room. This classroom will be a combination preschool and pre-k classroom (young 4s and children turning 4 early fall). I am very excited for this new adventure as the Bumblebee teacher! Several of my Alpaca students will be transitioning into the Hedgehog Room, and a few others will be transitioning into the Bumblebee Room with me! I am so excited to be teaching a few of my friends again and gaining some new friends as well!



Looking forward to a beautiful new school year!  
Ms. Lydia

### Incoming Alpaca Teacher

Hi Everyone! I am so excited to be the new teacher in the Alpaca room. I'm Ms. Sneha and this will be my second year teaching at Good Sam. I have worked in the Flower and Rainbow room, and right now I am currently helping run the School Age program. I am eager start in the Alpaca room. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children! The last weeks of August we will be brushing up on all we learned during the summer. The main focus will be transitioning the new kids into the new class routines and getting to know the children and forming a bond that will help us sail through the year.

We will be looking at a virtual 'Back to School' night sometime in September. Learning new skills and physical exercise is our focus. Children use a lot of energy during our school day. It is important for them to stay fueled and be well rested so they are able to focus, learn, and play. I believe in providing individual, holistic care for the children. We are a play base school and learn with our hands and exploring the world around us. I would love for my Alpaca parents to feel free to contact me with any concerns that you might have or any tips that you might want to share with me to help engage with your child. I'm always open to suggestions. Efficient parent teacher partnerships form a strong foundation



for well-rounded learning and growth.

I will be sharing more about my teaching approach and the learning curve I pursue for my Alpaca class during the 'Back to School night'.

Regards,  
Sneha  
snehakrish304@gmail.com

### Butterflies Room News

Hello parents,  
The butterflies are enjoying all the summer fun activities! Our summer has been exciting under the circumstances. The butterflies enjoyed water play days, picnic days, ice cream days, pj days, superhero days, and many other summer activities. For August our theme is camping, and we will continue to have summer activities. Our year is coming to an end. The children will begin

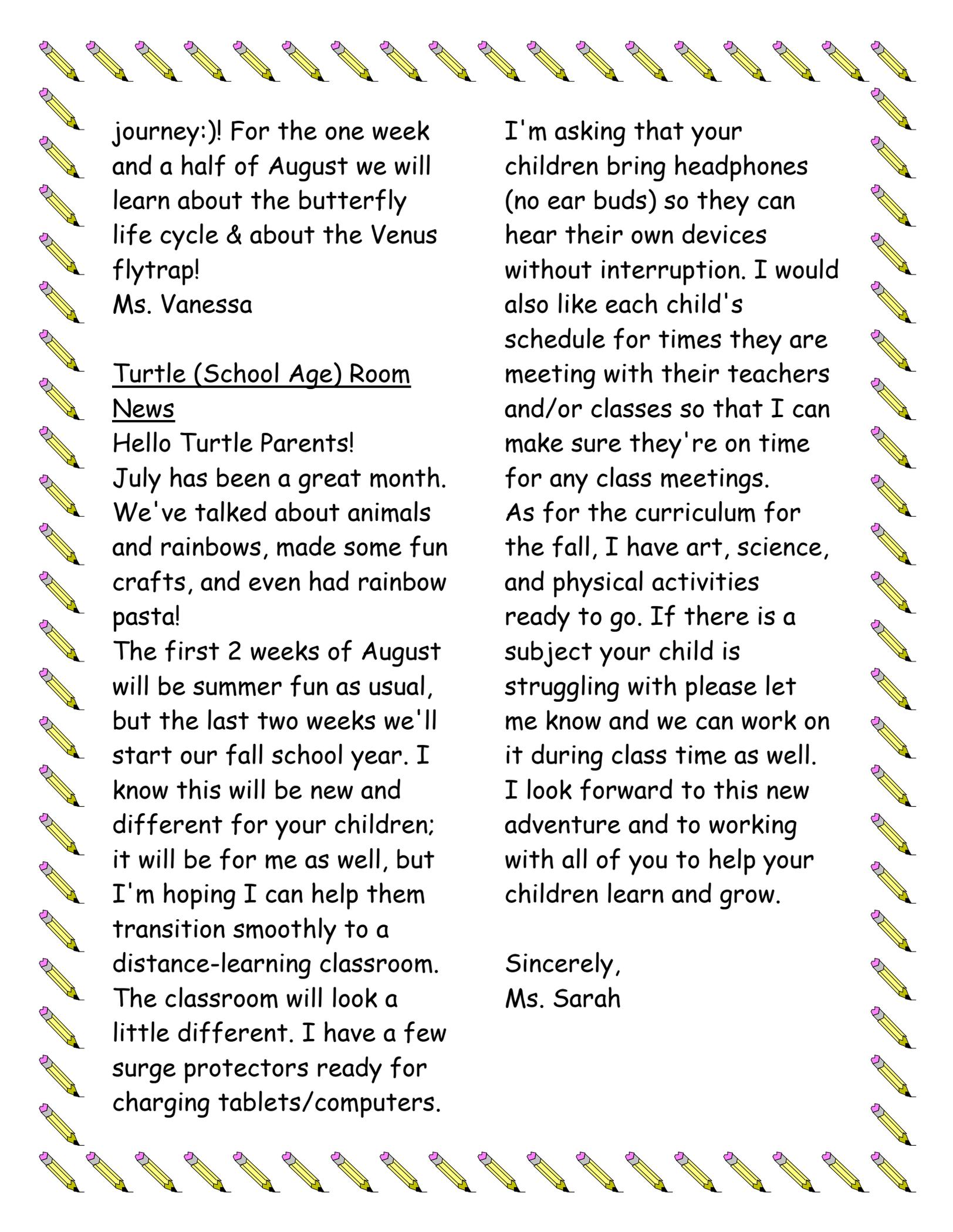
pre-k on August 17. It was a pleasure having the butterflies for 2019-2020 year, and now they are more than ready to fly towards pre-k!

I am looking forward to seeing your child in the hedgehog room! I'm proud of all the milestones they have reached. Let's make our last few days extra fun!!!

Ms. Esther

### Hedgie Room News

Hello Hedgehog parents!  
July went by too quickly and now we are in August!! I am soooooo sad the Hedgies will be leaving soon:(. I had an AMAZING time with the hedgehogs this summer! We had a blast this school year! Even though it was cut short I had a great time being with them! They are so ready for kindergarten and I am excited for their next



journey:)! For the one week and a half of August we will learn about the butterfly life cycle & about the Venus flytrap!

Ms. Vanessa

### Turtle (School Age) Room

#### News

Hello Turtle Parents!

July has been a great month. We've talked about animals and rainbows, made some fun crafts, and even had rainbow pasta!

The first 2 weeks of August will be summer fun as usual, but the last two weeks we'll start our fall school year. I know this will be new and different for your children; it will be for me as well, but I'm hoping I can help them transition smoothly to a distance-learning classroom. The classroom will look a little different. I have a few surge protectors ready for charging tablets/computers.

I'm asking that your children bring headphones (no ear buds) so they can hear their own devices without interruption. I would also like each child's schedule for times they are meeting with their teachers and/or classes so that I can make sure they're on time for any class meetings. As for the curriculum for the fall, I have art, science, and physical activities ready to go. If there is a subject your child is struggling with please let me know and we can work on it during class time as well. I look forward to this new adventure and to working with all of you to help your children learn and grow.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Sarah