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- **MS. LAURIE'S CORNER:** We had a fantastic first week of the school year! Our students have settled in nicely and enjoyed the first lessons of *Grace and Courtesy*. They also did a terrific job practicing our classroom and playground rules. It was such a wonderful sight to observe the children greeting each other, assisting classmates and working on their communication skills. Our incredible teachers are providing the perfect balance of guidance and support in the classrooms, and have paved the way for each child's individual development. Our classrooms (the "prepared environment") are specifically designed and equipped to foster independence and personal growth. We wish to thank our families for your diligence in arriving to school by 8 a.m., and for your support using the carline. A calm and regular morning routine sets a positive tone for the children's day. Well done everyone!
- **THEMES FOR AUGUST:** We are learning Friendship Skills, studying Airplanes and Two Dimensional Shapes. Our composer is Johan Sebastian Bach and our artist is Piet Mondrian. What good stuff!
- **COOL TREAT:** On Thursday afternoon, Ms. Rohini treated the children to scrumptious snow cones by the Kona Ice Truck! Thank you Ms. Rohini for a celebration snow cone to wrap up our first full week!
- **EXTRACURRICULAR:** Sign up now for exciting After School Activities. Beginning after Labor Day, all After School Activities will start at 3 p.m.: Pottery on Tuesdays with Ms. Ira, Dance on Thursdays with Ms. Abigail and Tae Kwon Do on Wednesdays and Fridays with Mr. Tom. These activities are great outlets for creative expression, they foster coordination and are fun too!
- **BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:** Happy birthday wishes go to **Erik, Elizabeth, Jarin, Izzy and Grace**. We hope your day was extra special, just like you are!
- **HEALTH NOTE:** We suggest packing a water bottle in lieu of juice in children's lunchboxes. Water does a better job of hydrating, and is healthier than sugary drinks. Also, please provide a balanced lunch including fruit, grains, veggies, protein and dairy in small quantities. Food for thought...
- **ART CLASS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Next week Mr. Charley and Mrs. Barbara Knight will begin their renowned Art Classes! Art Volunteers are still needed to help make this year's program a success. Please inform the office if you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers.
- **LABOR DAY:** Please note school will be **closed Monday, Sep. 5th** in observance of Labor Day.

"...the whole [class] environment is so prepared that it attracts the child, just as in nature-colored blossoms attract insects to drink their nectar." ~ Maria Montessori