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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope you are enjoying summer. I am delighted that you are part of our Fairview learning community. It is my pleasure to welcome you and your child to/or back to Fairview Early Childhood Center. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year. Our skilled and dedicated staff is planning for a year of learning and exploration based on the Illinois Early Learning Standards, following the High Scope curriculum. It is our mission to provide a strong foundation which partners with our families and community to inspire students during a critical period in child development to become joyful lifelong learners through a myriad of daily enriching explorations.

We hope you will take every opportunity and strive to have your child at school on time each day and picked up on time each day. If your child needs to be absent from school due to an illness or emergency, please call our main number at (815) 227-8400. Please also call Sunrise busing at (815) 860-0025. If your child rides the bus and will not ride home on the bus, please write a note to your child's teacher and put it in their backpack. If you have bussing, you will receive a post card from Sunrise prior to the start of school, to let you know what time the bus picks up and drops off. Parent pick up children will be picked up outside their classroom by their lockers. Please see you child's teacher's newsletter for more information.

We are pleased to offer monthly workshops in Spanish and English and food will be provided. Our parent workshops will be based on the needs assessment that you will fill out at registration. Please check out our website. It is updated daily with opportunities for families and includes student learning data and other pertinent information. Here is the link; <http://www3.rps205.com/Schools/EC/Fairview/Pages/default.aspx> On our website you will also find digital flyers for school, district and community events if you click on the  link on the left side of the Fairview webpage. We will be having an open house on September 3, from 4-6 p.m. This will be a time for you and your child to visit his/her classroom, teacher and other support staff through a fun scavenger hunt.

We have high expectations for your child and will be working not only on academic skills, but also social emotional goals through the Second Step curriculum and the Pyramid Model. It is important for you to check your child's backpack each night. This will ensure the lines of communication are consistently open. We encourage you to be involved and we are always in need of PTO members and volunteers. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested.

We are pleased to announce that we have a Fairshare educational toy, book and clothing room in our climbing gym. You are welcome to visit and take items that you need for your children. We also accept donations. We have shoes, coats, toys, clothes, books, etc. The Fairshare room is open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please come to the main office and we will be happy to assist you. Our Family Support Specialists will be scheduling two home visits this year with all families as required by our preschool for all grant. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any needs or concerns at (815) 227-8400. My door is always open, and it is my goal to meet all our families and have on-going communication. I will be unloading and loading busses to keep everyone safe during arrival and dismissal. You will be greeted by our speech and resource teachers at each door. If you would like to speak with me, I will be in right after arrival and dismissal. Thank you and I welcome you to Fairview Early Childhood Center.

Sincerely,

Darcy Dunn, Principal