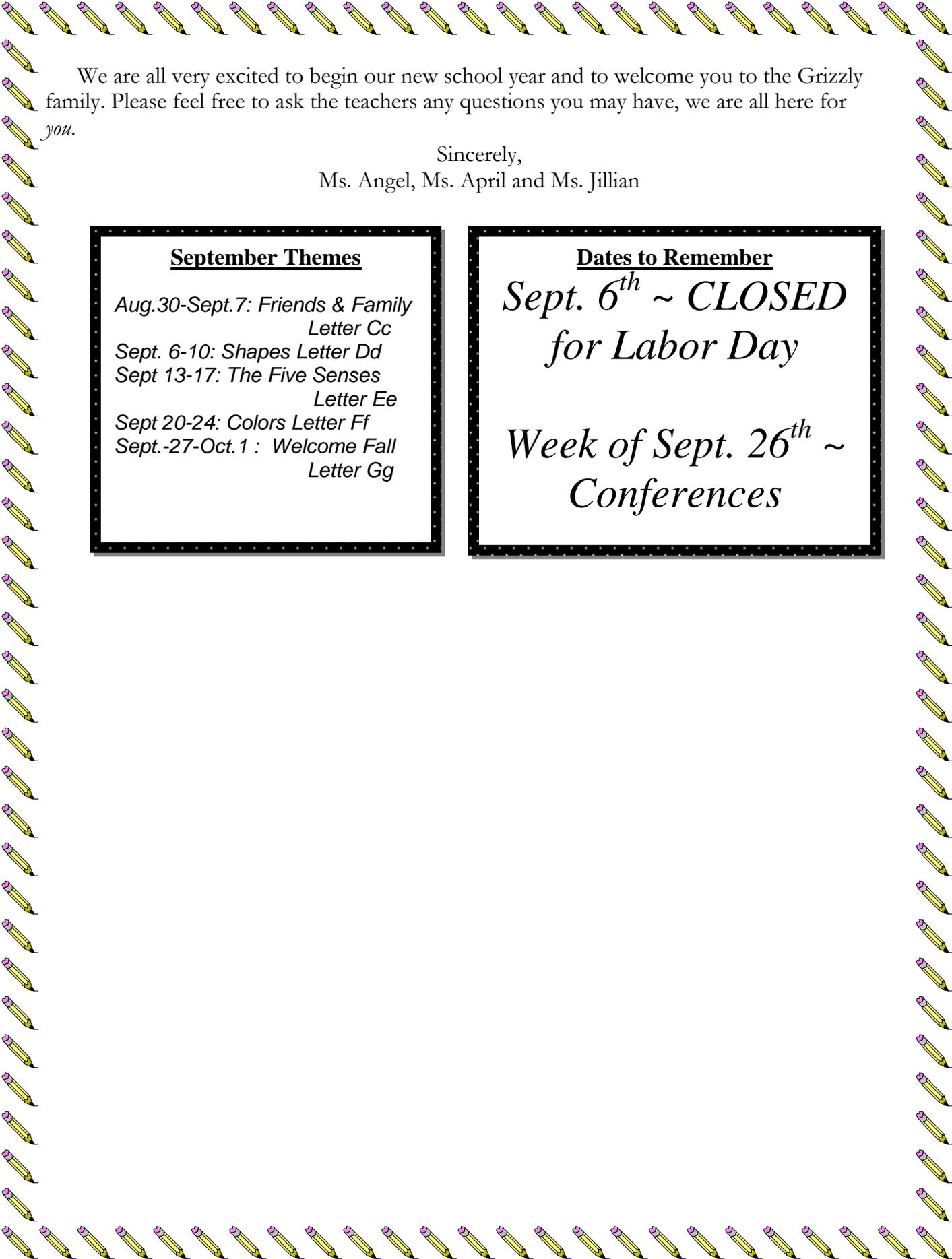


Dear Grizzly Bear Parents,

9/1/21

Welcome to the Grizzly class. We are so happy to have you and your children join our class this year. On our Grizzly Parent Board next to the door we post our class routine, weekly curriculum & lesson plans, the primary teacher lists, and our monthly newsletter. Each child will be assigned a cubby for an extra set of clothing. Each child will have an art file just inside the classroom. Please check this file everyday as it will fill up quickly. Our day begins promptly at 9:30am. ***Please arrive on time*** so your child will experience all curriculum activities. Also, remind your child that toys must remain at home unless they are brought for the letter tree (described below). Please read on for more information about other aspects of the Grizzly classroom.

- ❖ **Primary Teachers** – Each child is assigned to a primary teacher. She will track your child’s development throughout the year, and put together your child’s portfolio, which is given to you at the end of the school year. If you have any questions and/or concerns about your child’s development, please speak with your child’s primary teacher via email or phone.
- ❖ **Curriculum** – The Grizzly class prepares the curriculum in five different areas: circle time, art, language, math and science. Teachers choose themes that are relevant, fun and important to your child’s development. We plan activities that help your child to practice and master current skills and to acquire new skills, such as counting, letter recognition, observation, following multiple step directions, and much more.
- ❖ **Letter & Number of the Week** – Each week we feature a different letter or number (we begin with the letter A and work through the alphabet, then follow with numbers). These letters/numbers will be listed on each monthly newsletter. You and your child may find one object from your house that either begin with the letter of the week or equal to the number of the week (example: Aa = apple, 3 = 3 dice). Please place the objects in a sealable *Ziploc bag with the child’s name written on the outside*. These items will be shared by your child at circle time, will be placed up on the bulletin board and will be returned to their cubby each Friday. No other objects or toys are allowed in class.
- ❖ **Star of the week** – Each child has a scheduled week when they will be the “Star of the Week.” You may create a poster board with pictures and facts about your child (example: favorite food, color, vacation, animal, character, etc.) Your child will share their poster board at the beginning of their week, and then if they have a favorite book or something special to share they may bring that item to share at circle (these items are not to be played with during school time). If you wish to do so you may bring a healthy snack (yogurt, string cheese, fruit, etc.) to share with the class. If you do want bring a snack please see a teacher in order to determine the amount of snack that would be needed. We will send a note to let you know when it is your child’s turn.
- ❖ **Rest time** – In the Grizzly class we rest for 1 hour and 15 minutes. The children may sleep or just rest and relax their bodies on their mat. Please send a ***fitted*** crib sheet, and a small blanket for rest time in a small backpack at the beginning of the week. If your child would like to bring a pillow please do not send standard size pillows, make sure the pillow fits inside their small backpack.



We are all very excited to begin our new school year and to welcome you to the Grizzly family. Please feel free to ask the teachers any questions you may have, we are all here for you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Angel, Ms. April and Ms. Jillian

September Themes

- Aug.30-Sept.7: Friends & Family
Letter Cc*
- Sept. 6-10: Shapes Letter Dd*
- Sept 13-17: The Five Senses
Letter Ee*
- Sept 20-24: Colors Letter Ff*
- Sept.-27-Oct. 1 : Welcome Fall
Letter Gg*

Dates to Remember

*Sept. 6th ~ CLOSED
for Labor Day*

*Week of Sept. 26th ~
Conferences*