Dear Butterfly Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Butterfly Class. We believe teaching begins with getting to know the individual needs of each child and the needs of your family as a whole. We have attached a questionnaire to help us support your family. Our goal in the Butterfly Class is to build a positive, respectful relationship with each child and parent, to help support your child's learning and development over the next year.

We use Creative Curriculum, an emergent curriculum, that supports each child's growth and potential by assessing their development needs and meeting the learners where they are. We incorporate the children's interests into our academic program and plan activities that are not only engaging, but meaningful in a child's life. We post a curriculum web for each month on the door right outside the classroom for families to view. If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please do not hesitate to ask at any time.

We will be sending home our notes for the day on Kaymbu. This will include the daily note that is also be posted right outside our classroom door. Digests, which include more activities and photographs of your child, will be sent home weekly on Friday afternoons.

We would like to ask that your child keep his or her toys at home. Please honor this request. The only exception to this are objects such as books or photographs that correspond with our monthly theme. We encourage your child to share educational treasures with the class (dinosaur fossils, a beehive, seashells, a birds nest,etc.)

We would also like to note that books are *always* welcome in our classroom-books corresponding to our curriculum or other fun books that your child would like to share with the group. We cannot promise that we will be able to read the story that your child brings to school, however, they are more than welcome.

Please provide the appropriate outdoor clothing and shoes. We go outside in all types of weather, so it is best if your child is prepared. Please keep this in mind when dressing your child for school in the morning. We would also appreciate it if your child has some spare clothes along with undergarments and shoes in his or her cubby (tucked away in a bag or bin). While we take every precaution to keep your children's clothes clean, sometimes accidents do happen. Even children who do not have "accidents" still need extra clothing sometimes. In the summer we request that children have a bathing suit each day.

During meal and snack time the children are responsible for serving themselves, opening their own food, and cleaning their own messes. For some children this will be a new responsibility. We are happy to help your child as they learn these new skills. Please do not keep boxes of cereal in your child's cubby. Please send your child with their breakfast choices portioned in their lunch box or back pack. We have been experiencing excessive spills of boxes of cereal in the classroom, hallway, and in children's cubbies. Please bring your child's pizza money each week. We do not save pizza money for families. We encourage families to utilize

pizza sign up as a way for children to practice writing their name and numbers. At lunch time we ask the children to put any uneaten food back in their lunchboxes to take home, this allows parents to see what their child is eating for lunch every day.

After lunch each day, all students will be required to have rest time. You are welcome to bring in a blanket, small pillow and/or a stuff animal for your child to have during nap time, but please make sure that the size of these items are manageable for your child to get out and put back into their cubby on their own.

Appleseeds is a nut-free school. Please make sure that you don't pack anything that contains nuts or anything that is manufactured in a plant with nuts. If your child consumes any peanut products before school, make sure that they have thoroughly washed their hands before they come into the school. We would also appreciate if you keep candy at home.

Please remember to sign your child in and out each day. If you are planning to have someone pick up your child that is not listed on your emergency form, please leave a written note and let the person know they will have to present ID. We would also appreciate it if you could call the Butterfly Room on any days that your child will be absent.

In your welcome packet, you will find permission slips for Churchill's and Planet Playground. We would appreciate that all permission slips and questionnaires be signed and returned to us as soon as possible.

We are very excited to start the school year! We will have plenty of hands-on learning experiences that will get your pre-schooler excited about their new classroom. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please let us know. You are always welcome to check in during the day, write us a note, or schedule a meeting.

Thanks,

Miss Jenn & Miss Paula Butterfly Room- Preschool 3

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## **Butterfly Room - Child & Family Questionnaire**

Please help us to get to know your child and his or her family. We look forward to forming a collaborative relationship that will ensure your child reaches his or her fullest potential. Thank you for sharing this information with us.

Child's Full Name
Nickname Date of Birth
What do you think is most important that we know about your child?
Who lives in your child's home?
What kind of pet(s), if any, does your family have? Please also list the pet's name.
What are your child's strengths?
What are some of your child's favorite activities or interests?
What foods does your child like/dislike?
Does your child have any food allergies? If so, please complete an allergy form.

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Does your child have t	fears (e.g., storms, animals, insects, etc.)?	
What are your goals fo	or your child this year?	
What else would you I	ike us to know about your child?	
Thank you,		
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- 2. Standing Permission to visit Planet Playground & via the playing fields behind Churchill's.

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