



Dear Parents,

It seems like just a few short weeks ago we were ending the last school year but we are already busy making preparations for the upcoming school year. And I am very excited about this upcoming year!

My name is Amy Houpt and I will be teaching your child in the afternoon Young 5's class this school year. I have been at WCA for over 19 years and my favorite years were spent teaching in our preschool program. My husband, Chad, also works at WCA while our younger son attends WCA as a senior this year. Our older son is attending Hope College as an education major for math and psychology.

As a way to help your child get ready for the upcoming year, I'd like to invite you to come and visit with me and see their preschool classroom (Room 142) before school starts. You are welcome to stop by on **Thursday, September 1st from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** If you'd like, siblings are welcome to join us, too. I will be working in my room during that time, and I would love to see you!

I would like to encourage at least one parent to attend parent orientation night in room 142 on **Thursday, September 1st from 6:30 – 8 p.m.** All parents will first meet in the cafetorium and then you will come to room 142. Our parent orientation is a time where we let you know even more about our program and can answer any remaining questions that you may have. If you would like, you may bring the below supplies with you that night. *Except for the spiral notebook and your child's change of clothes*, please **DO NOT LABEL any of the supplies** as we pool the supplies together and use them throughout the year.

Young 5's afternoon class
2 Large sized glue sticks
3 containers Clorox Wipes
LARGE backpack
1 pkg. brown paper lunch bags
*** Family picture (this will be kept in the classroom all year and returned to you in May) ***
Change of clothes in <i>labeled</i> , Ziploc bag
Spiral notebook (<i>please print your child's name on the front of the notebook</i>)

The first day of school, for your child, is on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns in the next couple of weeks, feel free to contact me.

God bless,

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