Monona Grove Nursery School

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Dear Wonderful MGNS parents-

We are all really loving this great weather and spending time, inside and out, with your kids. It is wonderful to watch them make new friends, start to use each other's names, and become so comfortable in their environment.

We have now spent 2 months in our newly remodeled space, and 2 months with a full time lunch bunch crew. We are loving all of these things, but we are going to tweak a few of our systems to help alleviate the crowding in the cubby room- especially as we approach more and more items of outdoor clothing. Please take a minute to read through this, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask! And then please share with any adults involved in drop off and pick up.

Our first goal is to alleviate crowding in the cubby room at 11:45. So please!

*Penguins and Starfish- please pick up everything out of your kiddo's cubby and have it in your hand when you head upstairs for pickup. Then when you head down the stairs, you can just go directly out of the door.

*Dolphins- the same thing for you. Please pop in and pick up your child's things and THEN come out to the playground for pick up so that you do not have to reenter the building.

These steps will help with the large number of Sea Otters and Dolphins who are heading up to Lunch Bunch and reduce the crowds in the cubby room.

Our second goal is to cut down on the number of transitions that our Lunch Bunchers are going through. So from now on, until spring at least, LB kiddos will be staying inside and can be picked up from the upstairs room at 12:45.

Sea Otter Lunch Bunchers are going to wash their hands and head down the back stairway-- soon to be called the Starlight Stairway to match the Rainbow Steps- and directly into their classroom. Therefore, their lunch totes will need to be picked up out of their cubbies before pick up on the playground.

(More on the back!)

Lastly, a few helpful hints as we head into cold weather-

- Check your kiddo's extra clothes bag to be sure they have long pants etc.
- Check to be sure their winter clothes are labeled with their name.
- Practice the preschool flip. (Preschool Flip on YouTube)
- Check to be sure that your child has winter outdoor clothes that they can put on themselves. Easy snowpants and boots. Mittens are easier for kids than gloves.

We appreciate your cooperation with us as we navigate ways to make things more pleasant, safe, and smooth for kiddos and our staff. Thank you!!

-Juli, Kate, Jodi, Sue, Dawn, Sarah, Robin, Rebekah, Maria and Bailey.