

Roots and Fruits Preschool
72 MacArthur Circle East, South Portland, ME 04106

Hello Parents~

Congratulations on becoming a part of the Roots & Fruits Preschool Community. My name is Virginia Dearani and I am the founder of a nonprofit in South Portland called One Tree Wholistic Learning Center. This is a nonprofit social change organization promoting the values of pluralism, partnership, and peace through education and community organizing. The Center teaches on the values of Compassion, Service, Respect, Honor, Commitment, Nonviolence, Responsibility, and Understanding.

Roots and Fruits Preschool is a cross-cultural program that will be offered through One Tree Center. I am very excited to lead this program and to work in partnership with you, fellow staff, the community at large, and most importantly your children. This Preschool Program is designed to capture the values of the Center for young children. It is a unique learning program for children ages 3 – 5 that will encourage their **“Roots,”** Who they are, and their **“Fruits,”** What they have to offer the world.

I, as the founder of One Tree Center, will be leading the Preschool Program, in partnership with four other professional teachers. I received my Masters in Education, with a concentration in Partnership and have studied and worked with many young children. I also am a trainer for The Maine Roads To Quality Center that trains Early Childhood Educator, and at times, am an adjunct faculty member in the Early Childhood Program at Southern Maine Community College to prepare future teachers to work with Roots and Fruits and other educational programs that serve young children. I have a tremendous amount of passion and energy to work and play with kids and believe they are the hope for our future. It is an honor to be partnering with you and them in this exciting learning program.

I am sending along the following paperwork and ask that you please complete it and have it placed in your child’s file prior to the beginning of school.

- _____ Completed Registration Form (I have already received this. Thank You!)
- _____ Completed Child Care Emergency Form
- _____ Completed Developmental Health History
- _____ Completed Program Contract
- _____ Holiday and Vacation Form
- _____ Sick Policy
- _____ Parent Permission Agreement
- _____ Media Permission Form
- _____ Parent Handbook Form

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at vdearani@onetreecenter.org, or 207-347-7274. I am scheduling a Parent Informational Meeting/Potluck for Tuesday, August 26th at 5:30 PM at the center. Please let me know if you will be unable to attend. The First Official Day of School will begin on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

Sincerely,

Virginia Dearani, E.D.

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