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Dear Parents,

Please allow the Dryades YMCA Early Child Care Staff this opportunity to extend a heartfelt welcome from our family to yours and to thank you for choosing the Dryades YMCA for your child's early childhood educational needs. We recognize that this decision is difficult whether you are a first-time parent or an experienced one. Ultimately, you have the same goals for your children as our Dryades YNMCA Early Childcare Staff does – keeping them safe and providing the best educational experience possible. Young minds thirst for knowledge and it is our intent to create scholars on day one, but we need your help, support, and cooperation. Remember we are a team.

It is important to our mission that we ensure an atmosphere where children feel safe, engaged, and nurtured. Our new location in the DYMCA main building reveals bright, colorful, and spacious classrooms designed to help our young scholars learn, interact, and develop in a healthy educational environment.

Creating a nurturing educational environment and pivotal learning experiences requires diligent planning; strict adherence to a daily regimen; and structure inside the classroom and outside in our world. Our priority is to provide a premier preschool experience for your children and earn and sustain your family's trust in accomplishing this goal. An important part of our curriculum is taking field trips that focus on learning outside the classroom and exposing our young students to life experiences.

As a new family to our center, our job is to ensure that you can do your job after you have brought your child to preschool. It is important to us that you and your child feel comfortable in their learning environment. It is our fervent goal that your children enter our facility each day excited for the day and all its learning potential.

Throughout the instructional year, we will have family activities for you to attend with your child to not only meet our staff but also to ensure you are an active participant in your child's educational path. Please check our calendar frequently. As parents, you are our partners; therefore, we respect an "open door" policy. You are welcome to visit and address any concerns you may have.

Please read the Parent Handbook carefully as many of your questions will be answered there. A Parent Orientation will be scheduled with a staff member before your child's first day to review and answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Cockerham, Director

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