Dear Parents,

01st March 2013

Spring is in the air and the garden is getting the look of spring. We warmly welcome all the new children and their families to MotherCare. The days are getting hotter so we request all parents to dress their child in appropriate clothing. Please do not forget to include an extra bottle of drinking water as well.

As informed earlier, we are organizing a workshop for teachers and parents in April titled "play for well-being and learning". Please do spread the word to all parents/teachers who would like to attend this workshop. We shall include more details and costs at a later date.

We at MotherCare have continuously strived to create an environment that enhances the love for learning in young children. We would like to share some of the basic guidelines that we endeavor to follow while working with children.

We believe that:

- Children are whole people.
- All children go through the same sequences of development but will vary in the exact way or time they do.
- Milestones sometimes can be very misleading if constantly subjected to comparisons.
- Cultural differences mean that norms vary across the world in terms of what young children are expected to do at different points.
- Normative development tends to make us compare children with each other but we must not forget to ask ourselves, ‘Is this good progress for this particular child?’ instead of saying, this child is so good and that child is so dumb.
Therefore as parents please remember that early is not always best for every child especially if you are looking only at your child's academic progress. Many countries have now recognized unnecessary stress/pressure on children under the age of 5 to excel in academics as Intellectual abuse. Furthermore, numerous researches have established the fact that children who are subjected to humiliation due to their inability to learn and become academically superior often have a low self esteem. We are not trying to help children learn what we want them to learn, we are trying to help children learn what they want to learn so that they eventually develop a deep love for learning. Learning in never ending and if one does not love to learn, one will never learn.

The MotherCare staff and authorities thank all the parents for their co-operation and trust.

Yours sincerely,

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22\textsuperscript{nd} Dec – 20\textsuperscript{th} Jan 2004: Winter Holidays (Inclusive of both days. School reopens on the 21\textsuperscript{st} of January 2004 Wednesday)