Dear Parents,

Our class is busy developing into a caring learning community. We begin each day with morning meeting, a twenty-minute gathering during which we practice the academic skills we're working on as well as important social skills such as listening, speaking, problem solving, and group participation.

Morning Meeting has four parts:

- *Greeting: Each child is greeted by name and welcomed.
- *Sharing: A few children share news and interests, which helps the children get to know each other.
- *Group Activity: We might play a cooperation game, recite a poem together, sing a song, or do a math or language activity together.
- *Morning Message: The children read a message I've written on a big chart paper that helps them look forward to the day ahead. Sometimes I may send home the message after we are done with it with our special helper of the day.

Morning Meeting is a wonderful part of our day. The children and I would like to invite you to share a Morning Meeting with us. Please let me know, with a few days' notice, when you would like to come and take part in a morning meeting.

Thank you. The children and I look forward to having you.

Sincerely, Mrs. Rasmussen



