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Dear Parent or Guardian,

To provide the best care possible for your child, I need accurate health records. In order to insure I have upto-date information, I am enclosing a short medical survey. This information will be kept confidential and shared with teachers or staff on a need-to-know basis. It is imperative that the school nurse be aware of changing medical status, especially in the event of a medical emergency. If for some reason your child is injured or seriously ill and needs to be transported to the hospital and we cannot reach you, these medical records become very important in your child's initial treatment.

Secondly, I have also included a form for medication administration during school hours. If for any reason your child is required to take medication at school, this form must be signed by your child's physician and accompany the medication in its original container. This form is not only used for prescription medication but also for over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, Cough Syrup, etc.

## **NO MEDICATION CAN BE ADMINISTERED WITHOUT THIS FORM!**

An additional note from a parent or guardian is also required. This is a New Jersey State Law.

Thirdly, you will find a guide to when it may be medically necessary to keep your child home from school. This is simply meant as a reference when you have doubts about whether to send your child to school. Also, if your child is absent for three or more days due to illness, a doctor's note is required to return to school. In addition, if for some reason a child is injured and cannot participate in gym, needs to use the elevator, or needs to remain in for recess, a physician's note is required. This note should include the length of time physical education and recess will be missed.

Lastly, if your child is entering Kindergarten in September or is planning to participate in our sports program, a physical is required. Physical forms are enclosed in this packet. In addition, an up-to-date immunization record should be sent before the first day of school for students entering Kindergarten and transfer students in all other grades.

I look forward to working with you and your child during the coming school year.

Sincerely,

School Nurse