

Roots and Fruits Preschool
16 Vannah Avenue, Portland, ME 04104

Hello Parents~

My name is Virginia Dearani and I am the founder of a nonprofit in Portland called Kalila Oon Center for Building Partnerships. Kalila Oon means Beloved One. 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 is a cross-cultural preschool that will be offered through Kalila Oon. 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 Kalila Oon 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. Please see the attached flyer with more detailed information about the program.

I, as the founder of Kalila Oon, will be leading the Roots and Fruits Program. I received my Masters in Education, with a concentration in Partnership and have studied and worked with many young children. I also 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 registration.

- _____ Completed Registration Form
- _____ Completed Child Care Emergency Form
- _____ Completed Developmental Health History
- _____ Completed Program Contract
- _____ Holiday and Vacation Form
- _____ Sick Policy
- _____ Parent Permission Agreement
- _____ Parent Handbook Form

Registration will not be accepted unless all of the above are completed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 207-347-7274. I am scheduling a Parent Informational Meeting/Potluck for Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 5:30 PM at the center. Please let me know if you will be unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Virginia Dearani, E.D.

Hello Current Parents of Children’s Enrichment Center~

My name is Virginia Dearani and I am the founder of a new nonprofit in Portland called Kalila Oon, which means Beloved One. 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.

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I am aware that you have already registered your son or daughter into the Children’s Enrichment Center. I am sending along this new paperwork and please ask that you complete them. I recognize that some of the forms may be repetitive and apologize for the inconvenience, but want to make sure that I have consistent paperwork for all the children enrolled. The forms below provide me with more information to best support your child while he/she is in the program. Thanks so much for understanding.

- _____ Completed Registration Form
- _____ Completed Child Care Emergency Form
- _____ Completed Developmental Health History
- _____ Completed Program Contract
- _____ Holiday and Vacation Form
- _____ Sick and Illness Policy
- _____ Parent 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 kalilaoon@maine.rr.com, or on my cell at 207-232-9740. A new phone number will be provided for Roots and Fruits over the next day or two. I am scheduling a Parent Informational Meeting for Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 5:30 PM at the center. Please let me know if you will be unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Virginia Dearani, E.D.