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Dear Southborough Village Preschool Families,

We hope you are having a fun-filled summer and are anticipating the start of the new school year as we are! We are so excited to welcome all of you to the 2011-2012 school year at Southborough Village Preschool!

We would like to take this time to introduce ourselves to you. Gretchen Hartnett and Laura Eppen are the new owners/directors of SVP. We both have extensive backgrounds working with young children and are thrilled to take on this new adventure working together, as well as with the staff of SVP and with all of you.

Gretchen has lived in Southborough since 2002. She has a Masters of Education/certification in Early Childhood Education. She has worked as a teacher in various preschools (she taught the first full-day pre-K class at SVP in 2007) and as a teacher in grades K-3 in the public schools, most recently teaching third grade in Framingham. Gretchen has three children, a son age 12, a son age 10, and a daughter age 8. She enjoys volunteering in the Southborough schools whenever possible.

Laura has lived in Southborough since 1997. She has a Masters of Education in Developmental Education. She has worked in Early Intervention as a Developmental Educator, owned her own home day care, volunteered in the Southborough schools, and has most recently taught the class for three year olds at SVP. Laura has three children, a daughter age 12, a daughter age 10, and a son age 8.

One of the reasons we wanted to purchase Southborough Village Preschool was because it holds such great memories for the two of us. We first met when our oldest children attended school at SVP in Room 2. Right away we loved the warm, loving atmosphere and the special attention that our children received in this small, community school. The parents and the staff that we met at SVP created a loving, supportive community that helped each of us during those challenging years of raising babies and young children. We both met many wonderful families during our 6 years of attending SVP and those people continue to be some of the closest and dearest friends that we have today. We relied heavily on the kindness, laughter and support that we received from the Southborough Village Community over the years and we are grateful for the special role that these friends continue to play in our family's lives today.

It is with these great memories in mind that we want to now continue the tradition of excellence in early education and hopefully pass along the same wonderful experience that we had, to other parents such as yourselves. It is our goal for each family to enjoy their time at our school, while we help to prepare your children for their later school experiences. We are looking forward to having a great school year with you and would like to encourage you to share your thoughts about Southborough Village Preschool with us at any time. Thank you for choosing Southborough Village Preschool!

Best Regards,

Gretchen and Laura