

June 12, 2017

Hello Parents,

We have been working so hard preparing for Saturday. You're children have been doing so well and have truly amazed me with how much they are capable of learning and sharing.

On Saturday, please make sure your little one arrives at Harmon Oaks at **9:15am**, and your guests at 9:30am so that we may be able to start on time and beat the heat. The heat peaks in the valley shortly after 11am, and we'd like to conclude the ceremony well prior to it peaking.

**Attire:**

Dress your child in a white top or dress. Pants and bottoms will not matter as they'll be in a cap and gown. Please make sure they are wearing something airy and light, as the ceremony will take place outside.

For those of you with girls, please **DO NOT tie their hair** in a high bun or ponytail. Leaving their hair down will be best- we'll add a few bobby pins when they're here.

**Preparation:**

Talk about graduation with your little one, get excited about the day, and recite your child's lines for the remainder of the week (including Saturday morning!). Also, remind them to keep their eyes on their teacher until the graduation ceremony has ended, as their teacher (I) will be helping them all along the way. This will help them with their nerves.

Show them a few pictures and videos of children performing on stage- it doesn't need to be a graduation ceremony per say. Any performance will do where children or adults are signing and presenting. This will help them know what to expect.

**A few things to keep in mind:**

Please do not call your child by name during the ceremony. You can absolutely wave to them, smile, etc., but I'd like them to focus on what they've been and will be practicing and perfecting this month.

If you plan to bring balloons and such, let's tie them to the railing upon entrance so that we can all take great photos and videos no matter where we are sitting. There are quite a few people attending, so let's be mindful of each other. Also, parking spaces in our lot are reserved for parents of little graduates. Grandparents and guests are asked to park along Balboa- parking is permitted on Balboa through the weekend and on weekdays until 3pm.

Finally, your child will be wearing a cap and gown! Your **child's cap and tassel is yours to keep**. :) However, the gown needs to be returned to Harmon Oaks. To help with photos and memories, we'll be allowing you to take your child's gown home after the ceremony. Should you choose to do so, simply make sure it's back in one piece on Monday. Last year, a few parents inquired about purchasing the gown, if you'd like to purchase the gown please email me.

That's all for now.

Ms. Mariya