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Dear families,

your child is now at an age, where it will soon start school. Language skills are crucial for a good start in school. Therefore, it is checked in good time before school enrollment, whether your child should be supported intensively in his or her linguistic development. This assessment will be made in your child's day nursery or day care in the coming weeks. This is determined in legislation (Berlin School Act, § 55 "Language level assessment and language support") and it is thus compulsory.

During the so called "language level survey", the educational staff will consider in particular the areas of development, which are important for language skills. Observations and notes from the language learning diary will provide an important guide.

A trusting relationship between you and the day nursery specialists is of great significance for the positive development of your child during his or her time at the day nursery. Nursery school teachers see the language development of your child in everyday life at the day nursery and they note down their observations together with the child in the language learning diary. Many girls and boys are proud of this book, since it shows them all the new things they have learned over time. The pedagogical specialists recognize from the records, whether a child makes regular progress and, in what areas he or she might need further support. The language level assessment that will soon take place, is one of the building blocks for the provision of the best possible support. After all, your child should be able to communicate, learn and develop his or her personality without any worries at school from the outset.

It is therefore very important that you speak to your child's day nursery teachers about the result of the language level survey. Then, you will be able to jointly consider, how your child's language development can be further encouraged and supported at home and during day care. Upon request, you can, of course, receive a written evaluation of the survey. This mutual exchange is particularly important, if a further need of support has been determined. You will be able to discuss all questions that might be arising in this context with the pedagogical specialist.

During the next year at day care, you and your child will be invited to the school enrollment assessment. The result of the language level survey may be an important information for the school doctor. Therefore, I ask you to please take the evaluation with you to the assessment.

I wish your child a lot of fun and success at the day nursery or at day care.

Best regards,
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