

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I'm pleased to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child(ren) to our school. A good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between parent, child and teacher.

Our expectations for academic growth are high, and I know that your child(ren) will experience a very successful and rewarding year if they remember our school motto, *"Preparing students today, for the world tomorrow."* With your participation in and out of the classroom, we can look forward to a productive, creative and fun year together.

The key areas of focus for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Strengthening our school wide vision of literacy
  - Supported by devoted common blocks of uninterrupted time for literacy
  - School wide assessment schedule utilizing Fountas and Pinnell and MIPI
  - Yearly writing samples
- Continue to use RTI (Response To Intervention) ensuring students' academic levels are at grade level or higher by the end of the year in Numeracy and Literacy.
- Continue our efforts in creating and maintaining a focus on a Nurturing and Responsive School

We continued our RTI work this year. We continue to have school wide timetables in such a way that we will be providing additional support to students when they are/or have not mastered a given learner outcome.

Again, I look forward to a rewarding and challenging year. I hope that we can work as a team to make it one of growth, discovery and significance for your child as well as a fun year filled with questions, new experiences and lots of learning!

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