



September 7, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you've had a wonderful summer break! As we approach the start of a new school year, I want to take a moment to welcome you and your child back for the (2023-2024) school year. I am thrilled to be and continue to be your child's teacher and I am looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and exciting experiences!

The beginning of a school year is always an exciting time, full of promise and new opportunities. I believe that each child has the potential to achieve great things, and I am committed to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment where every student can thrive.

In our classroom, we will focus on not only academic achievement but also on building important life skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Students will be working with me on all the scientific subjects (Math & Science), and they will switch class to have ELA and Social Studies with Mrs. Robertson.

Communication is the key to a successful school year, so I encourage you to stay involved and informed. I will be using various communication channels to keep you updated about classroom activities, assignments, and upcoming events. Please make sure to check your email regularly and feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. In order to begin the school year with as little confusion as possible, I have compiled some information that should assist you in starting this academic year :

Class Mission-This class work together as a **TEAM**. My goal is to further student learning in all curriculum areas. In this class each student is a member of the team. The success of our team is depending upon the intellectual and creative success of each student.

Ground Rules-For a team to be successful, there must be well-defined team policies. These policies, if followed, will ensure a positive and rewarding experience for each student, and the class as a whole. The policies are as follows: *Be KIND, RESPECT OTHERS, TRY MY BEST, and NEVER GIVE UP.*

Workplan-As a Montessori teacher, I implement workplans (also referred to as contracts) to assist your child in study skills. The workplan fosters individual and independent learning. A workplan is developed by the teacher and includes a layout of all lessons to be taught for the month. It is organized to fit the Montessori environment and includes the different areas of the classroom. Workplans will be emailed to parents on a monthly basis.

Supplies List- Please make sure that your child comes prepared with the materials noted on the supply list included in this welcome packet. Students will be provided by a chrome

book for the entire year to assist in completing work assignments. All supplies items should be labeled with the student's full name.

Back to School Open House- will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Please be advised that you are invited to join us to present the yearly goals and plans for the new school year. I will explain our daily schedule and work expectations. You will learn a little more about me as well. I'm looking forward to seeing you on that evening. In the meantime, if you have any immediate questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email(lfaour@yonkerspublicschools.org)

Thank you for letting me play such an important role in your child's life. Let's all work together to make this the best year ever!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Faour