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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! For those of you whose children are new to the class, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. JoAnn DeRosa. To your children, I will be known as “Miss JoAnn”. This is my 7th year here at School 29. I have been teaching Special Education for the past 18 years. I have many years of experience working with children with various abilities and pride myself on being able to connect with each child personally and finding what works for them individually. I look forward to getting to know your child and helping him/her to learn as many new skills as they can this year!

We will be working on the individualized skills this year that are outlined on your child’s Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). The children will also be learning the routine of school, how to communicate and other life skills. We are going to have such a great year with your children!

Please feel free to keep in close contact with me so I know if your child has any issues at any given time (any problems that morning, or the night before even if it seems petty). This helps me to understand why your child behaves in a certain way during the day.

Please label all of your child's belongings and send in a full change of clothes in case of an accident. The clothes should be in a Ziploc bag. I would greatly appreciate it if you would send in snacks and juice daily for your child, because we have a snack time each day. If your child wears diapers, please send diapers and wipes weekly.

I have enclosed a school supply list for your child for the school year. Please send in these supplies with your child. The clear folder this letter was in will be your child’s homework/paperwork folder. All important papers will come home in this folder, so please check it daily. Today it has EMERGENCY cards that MUST be filled out and returned to school as long as other important papers. I would appreciate if you could get this paperwork back to me as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

I am looking forward to a successful and fun-filled year with your children! I hope to see you all at Open School Night (date to be announced).

Thank You for Your Support!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. DeRosa

## **Mrs. DeRosa 2018-2019 School Supplies**

- 2 Liquid Antibacterial Soaps
- 2 Hand Sanitizers
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 4 boxes of Tissues
- A Package of Paper Plates
- A Package of Plastic Cups
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Baby Wipes
- 2 Lysol Spray
- 2 Boxes of Ziploc Bags ( 1 Gallon/ 1 Quart size)
- 8 Glue Sticks
- Box of Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Washable Markers
- Package of Dry Erase Markers
- 3 Plastic Pocket Folders
- 1- 1 inch Red Binder with Clear Plastic on Front Cover
- 2 Marble Notebooks (Primary- has the dotted lines in them)
- Communication Notebook
- Art Smock