



From Mrs. Wheeler
Overlook Primary School

September 2019

Dear Overlook Families,

I am so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! It is so nice to have the energy of the staff and students back in the building and to see the learning continuing. If this is your family's first year as a part of this amazing community, welcome! If you are returning to us, thank you for being such a powerful part of what makes this school special.

As you participate in our Open House tonight, you will hear your child's teacher mention that Overlook will not be assigning homework this school year. As there is no research that has been able to prove the effectiveness of homework on student performance, we have decided to instead focus on developing a love of reading for our students. Attached to this letter is an article about ways that you can help with this at home.

I encourage you to continue to engage in activities that help support your child's learning such as the following:

- Eat dinner together
- Read together
- Play outside
- Get a good night's sleep

These are all activities that are proven to support your child's development so that they arrive at school each day ready to learn.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mrs. Wheeler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Wheeler
Principal

Be Kind • Be Respectful • Be Accepting • Be Your Best • Believe

Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community and lead passionate, purposeful lives.