

From Mrs. Wheeler

Overlook Primary School

August, 2019

Dear Overlook Families,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer and are as excited as I am for the new school year to

begin. Since last school year ended, Overlook has been a very busy place! Our library is undergoing a transformation to help support 21st Century learning, a sensory path has been installed in the center hallway, and our building is being hooked up to the town water supply. All of this is happening in addition to the normal cleaning and painting that happen each summer! Our facilities team is amazing!

In our office, we continue to organize and prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Larkin and Mrs. Rinck have begun sorting supplies, updating the school website and helping new families learn more about what it means to be part of the Overlook community. If you are new to us, please do not hesitate to call. As our returning families will attest, they are an incredible resource.



Each school year brings with it enthusiasm and excitement! We have so much joyful learning and fun ahead of us and we know that there is so much that we will accomplish as a team!

The number one predictor of academic success is time spent reading. As a staff, we are passionate about providing multiple opportunities for your child to read each day. Your support is vital in this area. Read with your child daily. In addition, provide them with experiences we can't at school: walks in the park, nightly board games, researching topics they are passionate about. This daily reading will be the only formal homework assigned at Overlook this year.

Class assignments will be available on Parent Portal on Monday, August 19. See the elementary <u>Parent Portal FAQs</u> for instructions for accessing the portal.

As a reminder, we will not be mailing summer packets this year. Please watch your email for important information from the district. We will be sending emergency forms home with students on the first day of school. Please check your child's backpack and return the forms during the first week of school.

Families, thank you for sharing your most valuable possession with us. Children, we know that you will give us your best effort and we promise to do the same for you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wheeler

Mrs. Jessica Wheeler Principal

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

