



August, 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer spending time with family and friends. On behalf of the staff and administration, I welcome you to the Ventnor Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year! As the school's Principal, my goals are to provide your children with a safe environment, to build and maintain a positive relationship with each of you, and to make sure that your children get the best education possible. The faculty has been working hard to get everything ready to make this an exciting school year. Below is important information to prepare you for September:

School Opening: School will open for students on Tuesday, September 6th.

School Hours: Our time schedule allows for one drop off and pick up time for parents of students in both elementary and middle school. To ensure safe drop off and pick up, please review the enclosed arrival and dismissal procedures below.

<u>Regular Sessions</u>		<u>Early Dismissal</u>	
Preschool (AM)	8:15-11:00	Preschool (AM and PM)	8:15-11:00 ***
Preschool (PM)	12:30-3:15	*** alternating days following attached schedule	
Kindergarten - 8	8:15-3:15	Kindergarten-4	8:15-12:15

Arrival and Dismissal:

Preschool parents may drop off their preschoolers at the **early childhood entrance**. There is limited parking along Balfour Avenue or Lafayette Avenue. Everyone must park and walk to the early childhood entrance to drop off and pick up children.

Curriculum: Our preschool classes will be using the Creative Curriculum to provide students with developmentally appropriate educational opportunities through small group learning, literature, and hands on activities.

Attendance: School Attendance Matters (SAM)! SAM is our incentive program to reward classes and individuals for meeting attendance goals. Students looked forward to daily recognition updates on the morning announcements. **Student daily attendance is extremely important.** Please make every effort to make sure that your child attends school daily.

Paperwork: Please review the beginning of the year paperwork carefully and return all required forms. Our student handbook is located on vecnj.org for your review. Please be sure to provide all

contact information and your **email address** on the emergency card to ensure that you receive all important communications.

Student Assignments: Homeroom lists will be posted on the Main Entrance of the Elementary School located in the front of the building after 1:00 pm on Friday, August 26th. Your child's teacher or our guidance counselor, Ms. Jenna Polise, could assist you if you have further questions.

First Day of School: Preschool teachers will meet students at the early childhood entrance with a sign with their name and homeroom written on it. Please know the name of your child's teacher.

Identification Cards/Bus Passes: All students in grades Preschool-8 will be issued identification cards to be worn to school every day. If applicable, enclosed is a letter from the Middle School Principal and Transportation Coordinator, Mr. Baker, along with each child's bus pass.

Visitors: Visitors to the building must report to the security window and provide a driver's license, name of the child, and nature of the visit. A badge will be created for your admittance.

Throughout the year, it is my hope that we will work together to provide the students of Ventnor the best possible opportunities. It is my expectation that all students will show good character and put forth their best effort to learn. I hope that you enjoy every minute of the remaining summer vacation. I can't wait to see all the students in September smiling and ready to do their best!

Sincerely,

Carmela Somershoe
Principal

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