

August, 2018

Hello to the Families of Room 245,

I want to extend a warm welcome to all of the new and returning families of Room 245! I am just arriving in Ann Arbor from the shores of Grand Traverse Bay; the monarchs were abundant and the sunsets glorious. With the crisp dawn air of the north and many trees already starting to change color, my thoughts turned to our classroom and the coming year at Ann Arbor Open. I have had a restful, rejuvenating summer full of many adventures I am excited to share with you and Curriculum Night is right around the corner! I am looking forward to an inspirational year of learning together.

There are few important things I do need from all of you as we begin the year. Please create a paper or index card with your child clearly stating the after-school plan for this week. **All children must have this schedule to hand in to me on the first day!** This is a safety issue, as well as a comfort to the children and myself. We all like to know exactly what to do at the end of the first day and what to expect. A good idea is for each child to have a similar card in their backpack with their schedule for each day and important contact numbers. Please go over the schedule with your child, make sure he/she understands the plan and can recite their home phone number. **Here is our first homework assignment; by the first day of school each child should know her/his address and telephone number!** We will be going over this vital information on the first day of school and it always surprises me how many children do not know their address or phone number. *A file card to work from is fine!*

Also, **please notify me as to any serious allergies or special needs your child may have ASAP.** At this time, I do not know of any food allergies in our classroom but to be on the safe side we will remain a no-nut classroom. I do like to serve the children snack everyday – so if you would like to send in a treat, please do. Read labels- no nuts or items processed in a facility that also processes nuts. Thank you for helping keep our community safe. I ask parents to donate one snack each month and we usually have plenty. Fruits and veggies are always appreciated, as well as a protein snack of cheese sticks or yogurt.

Finally, a few important dates and times:

- **The school day starts first bell at 8:14 am followed by second bell at 8:19. Let's call this second bell the *on time bell*. Being prompt helps all of us start the day in a great way! Dismissal is at 3:22 pm.**
- **Thursday, September 6 – The Annual All School Picnic @ 6 pm**
- **Thursday, September 13 – Curriculum Night, hope to see you there!**

Enjoy these last fleeting days of summer with your family; soaking up the sun and the beauty! I am looking forward to a creative and exciting year building our classroom community together!

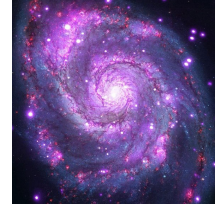
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***Kids:** See you all soon! Be sure to bring all of your stories of your summer adventures to share! Start collecting your summer artifacts. We will be creating our **Summer Artifact Museum**...more on that when I see you*



Welcome



Welcome students of Room 245

Exciting adventures await us as

Learning takes our community to

The far reaches of the Universe
and back...

Come join your classmates

On our learning adventure

Making our next year together a
most

Excellent one for all!!!

See you soon, *Denise*