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Dear Families,

Welcome to September! Thanks to our students, staff, and families for making our first week of the 2023-2024 School Year a great success. It has been wonderful to see lots of familiar faces, to meet the dozens of new students, and, over the last couple of days, to welcome our incoming kindergarten students. [Check out this ALBUM](#) with a few photo highlights!

The first couple of weeks are always an exciting mix of activities and learning. One important process taking place in all our classrooms is developing classroom expectations. In addition, we have been working with all students to ensure a clear understanding of our community expectations, especially while in the hallway, cafeteria, bathroom, and playground. Our community values of Inclusion, Kindness, Joy, and especially Safety have come up in our conversations.

We have also talked about the importance of being calm, regardless of where we are, and how we can utilize a wide variety of strategies to help bring a greater level of calmness to our minds and bodies. While this work is vital at the beginning of the year, we also know that all our students (and adults too) need to revisit these expectations and continue to learn and grow each day.

_____ Things seemed to have gone relatively smoothly this week. On several occasions we had students who were unsure of their after school plans. Please make sure your child AND your child's teacher are aware of the after school plan. If those plans change during the day, please make sure to CALL the office and Email the teacher.

can possibly continue to happen to support the child. Parents' feedback, opinions, and ideas are vital, however, the decision to evaluate a child is made by the entire team.
