

Primary School News...

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Here's hoping that everyone's summer was restful and fun. Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! New to the school and Texas, I am thrilled to be here. I've now said goodbye to New York, settled into Houston, and I'm eager to embrace Awty life. For families new to our school, I extend a special welcome; for all families, I sincerely look forward to getting to know you.

As the first days of school begin to roll out, invite your child(ren)—even the older ones—to share their day's experience and anticipations with you. Take on the role of active listener, reassuring them that, besides loving them immensely, you have confidence in their ability to succeed at school. Expect that for some, these first days can be stressful – you may want to limit evening activities until your children have acclimated to their school day once again. In these first few weeks of school, help them set a study organization that will work for them when their year gets busy.

I am proud that we have such a strong team of primary teachers. I have enjoyed watching them go about their preparations with great dedication to their work and ultimately to their students. We welcome quite a few new teachers this school year. Natasha Ramirez will begin in her new role as Lower School music teacher. Another new addition to Pre-School is PK3 teacher, Kathy Froelich. In the Lower School French section, we are pleased to welcome two new CP teachers, Françoise Burtz and Véronique Coutts as well as Christine Doher, CE2 teacher and Michael Flanet, CM2 teacher. Also in the Lower School International section, we have added an additional 1st grade class which will be taught by Linda Adkinson.

The new food service procedures will be explained to the children, and we have set aside extra phase-in time for the first two weeks so as to enable the children to become efficient at the new ways without feeling rushed.

I wish everyone a great school year! Welcome!