

### A LETTER FROM YOUR ADMIN TEAM

Thank you all for your participation in our Kids Helping Communities initiative this summer! We are grateful for the opportunity to watch our students serve others these past few weeks and appreciate the role you all had in this. We still have a few more weeks of summer and our teachers are hard at work preparing our classrooms for the new school year. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns in the interim.



### LINKS TO HOME

If you're not currently receiving photos and daily reports for your child you can easily change this by downloading the Links 2 Home app on your phone. Just type 'Links 2 Home' in the search bar for the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. After downloading Links 2 Home you can register with the same email address that you used to enroll your child in our school.

## AUGUST IMPORTANT DATES

- 7 LAST DAY OF SUMMER CAMP
- 10 CLOSED FOR PDD
- 11 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 31 END OF MONTH FOLDERS GO HOME

## Updating Your Information In Alma

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Need to add or remove an emergency contact? You can do this at any time in Alma. If you need help logging in or accessing the system please let us know.





## "Where learning is always fun"

## Summer Camp Survey

We will be reaching out to camp families in the next few weeks to gather feedback on our summer camp program. The survey will be sent via email and we'd love for all camp parents to participate so we can celebrate our successes and make plans to improve our camp program next summer. Please keep an eye out for the survey!



# From Our Education Department

## 5 Children's Books to Continue the Discussion About Diversity

Your family has likely already begun the conversation about diversity and inclusion. It's important now more than ever to continue that discussion and further expand your child's awareness and appreciation for people of all cultures. Below are some books to read with your child that are diverse and representative of the world we live in.

#### 1. Whoever You Are by Mem Fox

Your child will enjoy looking at the colorful illustrations in this book about children all over the world. They might not all look the same and their lives may be different, but inside everyone is alike.

#### 2. All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

This story follows a group of students from all ethnic backgrounds as they go about their day at school. They are loved and welcomed for their differences, while learning about each other and the diverse world around them.

### 3. One Family by George Shannon

Families can look very different, and this book showcases that in a child-friendly way. They can be big or small and include people of various races and genders.

### 4. It's OK to be Different by Sharon Purtill

This book celebrates differences of all kinds, including ethnicity, size, and personality. It encourages children to love what makes them unique and accept people who may not be like them. As the story says, "You should be kind to those who are different from you. Because to them, you are different too."

### 5. The Colors of Us by Karen Katz

The main character, Lena, is a seven-year-old who wants to use brown paint to make a selfportrait. After a walk around her neighborhood with her mother, Lena realizes that there are many shades of brown skin and all are beautiful.

