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Dear Parents/Guardians of Pre-Kindergarten Students,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! On Thursday, September 10, your child will begin pre-kindergarten in the Bayonne School District. Your child will embark on a journey that will be filled with many educational opportunities, discoveries, and learning experiences. As exciting as this new experience may be, it can be quite stressful for a young child. For many children this may be their first experience of separation from parents/guardians or caregivers at home. This is why we have provided the following suggestions for you and your child during this transitional time:

- Prepare your child for the new school experience by explaining what to expect. Answer all questions directly and honestly.
- Maintain a positive attitude. Your enthusiasm will help your child realize that school can be a fun and exciting place.
- Try to bring your child to the school playground before September 9. Explore the playground area.
- When your child first enters the school it may be a rather traumatic time for both of you. Try to stay calm and cheerful. Say goodbye with a smile. Remember, this is both a new adventure and journey for your child, a fascinating beginning.

As we begin this new school year, we will again continue a ***“Spirit of Excellence”*** in all academic achievements and ensure academic excellence for every student in the Bayonne School District. We believe that your child’s first day of pre-kindergarten will be an enjoyable one. Remember our administrators and pre-kindergarten staff are available to provide support and assistance in making the first day of school a happy transition. Our pre-kindergarten teachers are looking forward with great enthusiasm to September 10. I fully believe it will be a day that you and your child will look back on with fond memories.

My best wishes for a successful, exciting, and fun year!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools



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