



Thursday, September 7th, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year! It will be an exciting year for us all!

For those of you returning to Forest Manor, welcome back and for those who are new to our community, welcome. We are looking forward to meeting you. We have many exciting activities planned for your child this year. We look forward to working with you to help your child grow as a reader, writer and learner. The expectations and routines that you establish in your home greatly affect your child's school success. Some simple things that you can do to support your child are:

Read to your child: Enjoy stories, poetry and informational writing together. Read with expression. Have your child retell the material in his/her own words. This will build your child's vocabulary, improve his/her comprehension skills and motivate your child to develop a love for reading.

Encourage your child to read: Children become good readers by reading. Give your child books as gifts. Visit the library often. Whenever possible allow your child to choose books from book orders and bookstores to add to his/her personal library.

Encourage your child to write: Children become good writers by writing. Supply your child with paper, pencils, and markers. Encourage him/her to write letters, stories, lists and poems. Children are often more motivated to write when they can illustrate what they have written. Meaningful writing experiences will help your child to improve his/her reading and writing skills.

Establish and maintain a homework routine that supports your child's learning: Provide your child with homework materials (pencils, markers, ruler, paper, crayons, and scissors) and a quiet space to work. Please remember to sign your child's reading log to show that you have seen the completed reading homework.

Please refer to the back of this handout for further information that will assist in making this year a smooth one.

Thank you for your cooperation and support! We look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Economou

