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Greetings Madison Families,

It's hard to believe that the school year is about to begin in just a few days! I'm hoping everyone had such a great summer and was able to enjoy some of the great weather. I had a great time meeting some of our new families including kindergarten families this past Wednesday at the Kindergarten play date and for those who have been coming through our doors viewing the class lists. If I haven't had a chance to see you or speak with you yet, I want to extend my most sincere "Welcome to everyone!"

The Madison staff has spent some time here at school over the summer shining up our school, getting classrooms ready, participating in trainings and workshops and just preparing to help bring in the new school year. Everyone at Madison is really excited to see all of our students and families. I anticipate having an amazing school year this year!

This year's theme will continue to be, "Madison: Growing Leaders". Last school year we discussed as a staff how important it is to tap into how we can help our children establish a great foundation of academics but, also of these important life skills and habits that help you succeed with confidence in this ever changing world. The Madison staff participated in a book study last year reading the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Franklin Covey. We researched, brainstormed and had thoughtful discussions on how we can weave these ideas and "habits" into our daily lessons with our students. We began to introduce the habits to the students and the response was amazing. Both the staff and students came up with lots of wonderful ideas and even began to implement a variety of leadership opportunities throughout our school community. This year, we're ready to continue with our efforts to help inspire our students and work through learning more about these healthy habits in order to develop confident and conscientious leaders and learners. We know this is a great challenge we've committed to, and ask for your help to work together with us as we go through this journey. I anticipate that the more we work together, the greater success we will have!

Please stay tuned for more information coming through during this school year.

We look forward to another great 2018-2019 school year together!

Sincerely,

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Principal

Learning and Growing Together... Everyone! Every Day!

