



Orchard Elementary
Ridgewood Public Schools

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Good Morning Orchard School Families,

Happy Summer! I trust that you all are already enjoying your time away from school and this well-deserved break. We are hard at work at Orchard preparing classrooms for 2019-20 and purchasing materials for the year.

As the summer months progress, we look forward to sharing updates with you for the coming year. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. Please read below for some highlights and thoughts as we head into the summer months!

2019-2020 School Supplies!

Our School Supply store is still open through June 30. Please [click on this link](#) to access. You can enter our zip code (07450) and find Orchard School. Be sure to select your child's grade level for next year. All kits are delivered directly to Orchard School!

Media Usage & Families: An Orchard Conversation

At our last meeting, we created a draft of our "Orchard School Media Agreement". This agreement will take the place of our acceptable use policy. Our [current policy](#) essentially has students promise to physically take care of their Chromebooks and to responsibly use them for only the purpose their teacher has intended. Our modifications for next year include aspects beyond this purpose, allowing students an opportunity to consider a healthy balance and appropriate communication. We ask that any interested families please review [this document](#) and provide any thoughts you have. We will use this new AUP in the fall.

Save the dates for our Orchard 2019-20 media nights:

- 10/24/19 @ 7:30 PM
- 1/16/20 @ 7:30 PM (K-2 Themed)

- 1/30/20 @ 7:30 PM (3-5 Themed)
 - 4/23/20 @ 7:30 PM
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Writing Through the Summer Months

You will often hear us encourage students and families to keep up their reading and math facts in the summer months. Summer is an important time to maintain your skills! One area that can be overlooked - students may not be writing as frequently as they do during school. You may wish to encourage your child's writing using the following ideas:

- Keep a vacation journal
- Write notes to family members
- Write letters/cards/postcards to friends/family (If you write Mrs. Ferreri at Orchard School, I will write back to you!)
- Keep a log of observations (growth in the garden, weather, etc.)
- Help keep lists for the home (To-Do items, grocery)

Please feel free to email me directly at mkferreri@ridgewood.k12.nj.us or write to me at 230 Demarest St., Ridgewood, NJ 07450. I promise to write back!

Library Dates

This summer, the Orchard School library will be open for borrowing! You can visit the library on Wednesday, July 17 or Thursday, August 8, from 11 AM - 1 PM. We hope this helps you take advantage of your summer reading plans!

Save the Dates...

- The first day of school is on **Tuesday, September 3**. This is a minimum day. All students will dismiss at 12:45 PM. No lunch will be served.
- Orchard's Back to School Night is on **Wednesday, September 11**. We begin at 6:30 PM. More information will follow.
- School Photos will be **Monday, September 16**.
- The orientation for new families will be held on **Tuesday, September 17**, at 7:30 PM.

- Our first HSA Meeting is on **Thursday, September 19**, directly following CBA at 9:15 AM. Please join us! Our first Spirit Day is also that day.
- Our Back to School Picnic will be held on **Thursday, September 26** at 5:30 PM.
- There is no school on **Monday, September 30** in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

More dates to follow...our calendar will soon be updated this summer for the entire 2019-20 school year. Stay tuned!

Wishing you and your families a safe, happy, healthy, and restful summer. See you in September!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ferreri".

Mrs. Ferreri