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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Starting Pre-Kindergarten is an exciting and important moment for both you and your child. I am delighted to have your child in my class next year. I know we will have a wonderful time together!

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself a bit. I am a Sister of the Presentation of Mary with over 20 years of experience working with young children in an early childhood setting. I love teaching Pre-Kindergarten because young children are filled with curiosity and wonder about the world around them. I believe young children grow and develop best by using hands on materials that encourage their natural curiosity.

I am excited to be working alongside Kelly Lamontagne and Christine Kamp again this year! They bring experience and enthusiasm to our classroom. I am confident that you will find us to be a great TEAM!

Next year, our daily classroom schedule will be carefully planned to encourage independence, self-confidence, group cooperation, and love of God through large group, small group, and one-on-one teacher-directed experiences. It is my hope that the activities we plan will enhance and empower your child to learn reading, math, writing, science, religion, art, music, fine/gross motor skills, social/emotional skills, and language development next year and in the future.

I am happy and feel extremely blessed to be part of the St. Francis of Assisi School family. It is a wonderful place for young children to learn and grow. Thank you so much for choosing St. Francis of Assisi School for your child. A Catholic education is one of the most important investments you can make for your child's future, and I congratulate you on making this faith-filled choice for your child.

In closing, I look forward to a positive, exciting, and rewarding school year with you and your child! If you have any questions in the meantime, you may communicate with me via email or contact the school office. I can be reached at <u>gauthierh@StFrancisSchoolNH.org</u>. Have a wonderful, relaxing, and restful summer! I am eager to meet you in person in the fall.

Below, I've provided a few ideas to keep you little one busy this summer.

- Write your letters in salt, sand, shaving cream, finger paint, or sidewalk chalk
- Play "I spy," using colors, shapes, letter sounds, or descriptions of objects
- Read to your child
- Play games with ABC & 123 flash cards
- Count everything you can
- When driving, point out signs and stores
- Have your child create their own artwork and, then, practice signing it
- Use scissors to practice cutting paper just for fun
- Google learning activities for young children and be creative

Have fun!!! 🐸

Prayerfully,

Sr. Holly Gauthier, p.m.