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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Newberry Academy, I am happy to welcome you to the 2016-17 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Newberry Academy is a ***The Leader in Me*** school; this innovative, school-wide model emphasizes a culture of student empowerment. Our goal is to help our students realize how powerful they are and what impact their decisions will have on the world around them. We are extraordinarily proud of the work we are doing to grow the next generation of leaders. This year through ***The Leader in Me*** we will continue to teach **The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People**, engage in goal setting and work together for student success.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience (***Be Proactive***)
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers (***Put First Things First***)
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills (***Think Win Win***)
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life (***Seek First to Understand Then to Be Understood***)
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject (***Be Proactive***)
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college (***Begin with the End in Mind***)

As principal, I want you to know that you can count on me for the following:

- I will continue to support ***The Leader in Me*** and student leadership
- I will provide respectful and honest communication
- I will demonstrate fairness and confidentiality. I will never speak to you about any child but your own
- I will be a presence in the classrooms, doing my best to support teaching and learning
- I will put safety first
- I will do my best to know your child

Today's Scholars, Tomorrow's Leaders

I will count on you for the following:

- Monitor your child's attendance and ensure that your child gets to school on time
- To take advantage of opportunities to learn about the school and what we do here each day
- To work closely with your child's teacher to support learning at home
- To protect the confidentiality of all children by asking for information only about your own child.

It is very important that you and your child are fully informed. Please feel free to review the Newberry Academy Parent Handbook which can be accessed www.newberryacademy.org. This year we have added a year long calendar as well as a monthly calendar for more timely information and communication. Look also for a link to the updated **Newberry Academy Parent Handbook**. This resource provides a plethora of important norms and expectations that all stakeholders should have access to on an as needed basis.

The dedicated Newberry staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Linda Foley

Important Dates to Remember

- First Day of School-September 6-7:30AM
- LSC Meeting-Monday, September 19-6:30PM
- Open House- Tuesday, September 20 6-8PM