

*John G. Prendergast School  
Office of the Principal  
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**Dear Members of the Prendergast Learning Community,**

**This year held many exciting “accomplishments” for John G. Prendergast School, including the successful formation of a K-6 grade configuration; the writing of school mission statement and student pledge; the full implementation of instructional and school data teams; the establishment of collaborative intervention teams to support student learning; embedded professional development concerning running records/guided reading and effective teaching strategies; the implementation of a standards-based LA and Math curriculum; the formation of an elementary science and technology curriculum writing committees; the establishment of our Math Mentor Program, and many more accomplishments. HOW CAN WE NOT BE GRATEFUL FOR ALL OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR!**

**The end of the school year brings changes to school communities, some subtle and some much more obvious. One of the more noticeable changes for the 2010-2011 academic year will be the composition of the administrative team. I am excited to welcome Mr. Joseph Apicella to the Prendergast School community as our Assistant Principal. I look forward to working collaboratively with him.**

**I am privileged and proud to be the principal of this high-performing school characterized by teachers, support staff, parents, and students who are so committed to achievement and academic excellence. I thank each of you for support and professionalism during the year.**

**One of our mottos is “Excellence is the norm at John G. Prendergast School.” We accomplished this by:**

- \*Believing every child is everyone’s responsibility.**
- \*Creating a collaborative school climate.**
- \*Using data to drive all instructional decisions and monitor student progress throughout the year.**

**Have a safe and relaxing summer. I hope that the days ahead allow you and your children to find quiet moments to appreciate one another and find pleasure in the simple pleasures that summer has to offer.**

**In gratitude,**

**Mr. Lawrence P. DiPalma  
Principal**