



Greetings MVCSD Community,

Welcome back to school! I hope that everyone had a fun, restful, and relaxing summer. School will start for all students on Thursday, September 7, 2023. This first day of school for the Mount Vernon City School District will be a half day for students.

I am excited to see all our students back in their schools in the coming weeks. I have high hopes for this year, and I know that all our teachers and administrators are well-prepared to deliver a quality education to all Mount Vernon students. I am confident that this year will be one of progress and achievement throughout the entire district's 16 schools.

The Mount Vernon City School District is going back to basics this year. We're putting the focus of our curriculum on reading, arithmetic, and writing. Please find my Mission Vision, Goals, and Core Values attached. That starts on Day One. We want to construct a strong educational foundation for our scholars to build upon.

We are also going to strive to make learning fun for students of all ages. That's important to us as we want to guide children to a love of learning. We are going to develop our lessons based on what we feel students will respond to the most. All children can learn, and our goal is to teach every one of them while addressing their unique needs.

When learning is fun and students are engaged, that is when they begin to thrive in their academics. Our duty as educators is to foster that engagement in whatever ways we can. Each student is different, so this challenge takes every educator working together to guide them to the success we know they can achieve.

This year, we have great plans for our scholars, and I believe we can deliver the best experience to everyone. I will also urge our students to challenge themselves in their studies. They need to strive to go above and beyond what they think they can do.

Parents, I ask that you get involved and be a support system for your children. When they see that you are invested in their education, it motivates them to improve and make their parents proud. Everyone in a child's life has an impact on their education, and involved families can make a world of difference. They deserve the best from everyone that is a part of their journey.

Let's lay a firm foundation for our students this year. We can build them up through the fundamentals and basics to prepare them to achieve wondrous things. Through hard work, dedication, and persistence I know that our scholars are destined for great things.

Welcome back, Mount Vernon  
Community!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. K. Veronica Smith'.

Dr. K. Veronica Smith, Acting Superintendent of Schools