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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am thrilled to welcome you to a new school year at Marion P. Thomas Charter School! As I enter my third year as the Supervisor of Preschool, I continue to be honored to lead and serve within this incredible Village community. It is a joy to work alongside such a dedicated team of educators, families, and support staff as we nurture the development of our youngest learners.

With over 15 years of experience in special education and early childhood education, I remain deeply committed to building an inclusive, nurturing, and joyful learning environment where every child can grow, thrive, and shine. Our preschool team works tirelessly to ensure each student is ready for Pre-K and beyond, academically, socially, and emotionally. From the moment your child enters our doors, we are laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success.

We proudly implement The Creative Curriculum, a research-based, comprehensive approach that supports children's development across all domains through hands-on, play-based, and intentional learning experiences. Aligned with the New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards, this curriculum allows us to meet the individual needs of each child while fostering curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning.

We believe in celebrating growth and progress every step of the way. Our "WOW" Celebrations are a cherished part of our culture, highlighting student achievements, classroom milestones, and the wonderful ways our scholars exemplify the Village values of kindness, empathy, respect, and responsibility. These values are symbolized through the Sankofa, Tiger encased in a heart, Torch, and Tree of Knowledge, which serve as daily reminders of our mission to uplift and empower each child.

We also recognize the essential role families play in their child's educational journey. That's why we encourage you to stay connected and informed through two powerful platforms:

- Teaching Strategies Family – Here, you can follow your child's progress, view learning updates, and engage with classroom experiences.
- ReadyRosie – A wonderful tool that offers quick, practical activities and videos to support learning at home in fun and meaningful ways.

Your involvement truly makes a difference. Throughout the year, we will offer parent-teacher conferences, workshops, family events, and other opportunities to build strong home-school partnerships. I encourage you to take full advantage of these moments to connect, celebrate, and grow together.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's early education. I look forward to another year of collaboration, learning, and joyful discovery as we continue to build a strong foundation for the future, together.

With gratitude and excitement,
Carla Wynter-Darius

Supervisor of Preschool