



Vinci Park School

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Dear Vinci Park Families:

I welcome you all to the 2024-2025 school year! I am so excited about our upcoming year, and look forward to seeing you in a few short weeks. Whether you are a returning family, or a new family we are all excited to see you at Vinci Park School. I certainly hope you and your child have had an enjoyable summer and are now ready to begin a new and exciting year. This time of the summer is filled with eager anticipation for kids; new school supplies and accessories, new students, potential friendships, new teachers and much more. I am excited to be returning to school and starting another exciting and adventurous year at Vinci Park. I am honored to be working with an incredible group of teachers and support staff at Vinci Park. We are committed to our students' academic growth as well as their social and emotional well-being. The weeks before students return for a new school year is a fun and exciting time for us all!

With the return of this school year I plan for us to focus on strengthening our community, resetting expectations, and returning to the routines, and school wide events. It's an exciting time of opportunity that I am grateful to share with each of you. All of us at Vinci Park are committed to:

- o First and foremost, we must and will continually strive to raise the achievement levels for all students to their highest potential. Together with our teachers, your support in this area is most important.
- o Provide extended learning opportunities including before, during and after-school programs that will address our at-risk students, as well as enrichment programs for higher achieving students.
- o Build and engage the larger school community, including parents and business leaders, to enhance the learning experience for our children through our community organizations such as the Vinci Park PTA, the School Site Council, and the English Learner Advisory Committee. A strong partnership between home, school, and the community is critical for everyone's success. More than ever, we strongly encourage and need you to get involved. We ask that each of you make a concerted effort to volunteer at Vinci Park at least 10 hours this year. That's 1 hour per month. Your support and involvement will benefit your children and our school community in many ways.

With that, please be sure to look at the dates and times of our upcoming events and put them on your calendar now!

The week of August 12th your children's teachers will be calling and emailing you to introduce themselves. On August 14th after 4pm, class lists will be posted on the windows in front of the school. The first day of school will be Thursday, August 15th. School will begin at 8:10 am. There will be adults available the first day of school to assist everyone on where to locate classrooms.

Below is the schedule for each grade:

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- TK students will attend from 8:10am - 12:40pm daily.
- Kindergarteners will attend from 8:10am - 12:30pm daily, for the first four weeks.
- 1st - 3rd graders will attend from 8:10am - 2:15pm on MTWF, and from 8:10 - 1:15 on Thursdays.
- 4th - 5th graders will attend from 8:10am - 2:35pm on MTWF, and from 8:10 - 1:15 on Thursdays.

Kindergarten (and new student) Parent Orientation 10:00 - 11:00AM (Multipurpose Room) on 8/14. This is not a mandatory meeting, please join us if you are interested and able to attend.

Please keep in mind that the first four weeks of school our student enrollment is in a transition period. There may be changes to class assignments once student enrollment stabilizes. If changes are necessary, we will do our very best to take into consideration the needs of individual children. No matter who your children are placed with this year you can be assured that they will have a teacher who will provide them with the highest education possible and many opportunities to extend their learning based on individual abilities, interests, and achievement.

You will have an opportunity to meet our staff at **Back-to-School Night**, which will be held on **Thursday, September 19th, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. This important event is the best opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, learn about the academic program, classroom and grade level standards and expectations. It is imperative that you attend this school event. Knowing and understanding what is expected of your child, yourself, and your child's teacher is critical to your child's success. It is a team effort and you are part of that team.

The first week of school, your child's teacher will email you several important and required materials we will need you to review and return. Please take the time to read through the packet carefully, print, sign and return all required documentation to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, August 23rd, at the latest. If you are unable to print these materials you can request a copy from your teacher or the school office. **Make a note and be aware of any changes and additions in school procedures, rules, and policies.** All students and parents/guardians are expected to know and follow the guidelines and policies in the enclosed school handbook.

I look forward to meeting each of you and your children. Please feel free to contact the school office at 408-923-1970 if you have questions. Good luck and many good wishes for the new school year.

Sincerely,

Parisa Nunez
Principal

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