

Dear Parents,

What a great year we have ahead of us! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am the new school counselor at Hillside and am very excited to be working with your child this year. As part of the specials rotation, your child will be coming to my classroom at least once a month for a character education lesson. We will be learning about our character education words and how to demonstrate those positive character traits. If there is a topic you would like for me to cover, please contact me and I will see what I can do to create a lesson. I am also available to see students on an individual basis, as well as, in the small group setting. If you have any concerns about your child, I am also available for parent consultations.

I look forward to a fabulous school year and please feel free to contact me at any time!

Sincerely,

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### Tips for Parents-Support Your Child

1. Periodically (but not continuously) communicate to your child the importance of education.
2. Build up your child's confidence and self-esteem.
3. Work with your child to help him or her develop a positive attitude towards school.
4. Provide encouragement to your child whenever possible.
5. Be a good listener.
6. Be available to discuss problems your child is having, whether they are large or small. They all seem large to the child!
7. Set up your child's schedule to include a balance of study and play.
8. Establish a time for caring and sharing.
9. Take part in your child's education- if possible, be active in RNE.
- 10. Show love and affection to your child-often!**