



Ridge Street School

David DeOliveira, Principal



Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year

Dear Students and Families:

It is truly an honor to welcome you to Ridge Street School for the 2019-2020 school year. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to work with the amazing students, the highly qualified and dedicated staff, and the supportive families of this extraordinary school community!

Our primary goal is to best serve our students by focusing on their social and academic growth ensuring that our students will experience excellence in all aspects of their school experience. As such, our strategic planning process has remained focused on obtaining and developing essential resources such as support staff, intervention programs for Literacy and Mathematics, and professional development centered on research-based teaching strategies to enhance and differentiate learning for students at all levels. Our entire staff looks forward to building upon the many promising practices and achievements from the previous school year in order to help ensure the very best outcomes for our students.

Research shows that in order to be successful in school, children need support from both home and school. Our entire staff is committed to working with students and their families as a team. Our rigorous curricular programs are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards that outline essential learning targets for each grade level. Therefore, we ask that you support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time ready to learn (**school begins at 8:25AM**)
2. Consistently completes all classroom and homework assignments
3. Reads daily
4. Shares school experiences with you
5. Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
6. Understands that high expectations for his/her college and career readiness are shared by school AND home

School will begin on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**. In order to ensure that learning begins on time on the first day of school, I ask that students arrive by 8:20AM **wearing their uniforms**. ***(Students in grades K and 1, who are bussed to the ECC/Annex on Arlington Avenue, must arrive in the bus stop location behind the Main Building on Clifton Avenue by 8:05AM each day.)** Designated staff members will be present to ensure that all students arrive safely at their assigned classrooms. Students should be prepared to submit their summer recess assignments, which have been posted on our school's website and can be accessed by typing www.nps.k12.nj.us/RDG/ into your web browser. We ask that you regularly refer to our school's website for any additional messages regarding before or afterschool program offerings, school supply lists, **lunch application deadlines**, calendar of events, and other important announcements.

Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of supporting and guiding your child on this most important journey. Please know that we are available via face-to-face meetings, phone conversations, and email to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. I look forward to welcoming all of our students and families to another successful year at Ridge Street School!

Sincerely,

David DeOliveira, Principal