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Dear Families of El Camino Elementary School,

Welcome again to the 2020-2021 school year! This year marks the beginning of my sixth year serving as the principal of El Camino, and I am as excited to begin this new school year as I was on day one. I am looking forward to the wonderful things the new school year has in store for us. Each of the 14 years I have worked for the Ontario-Montclair School District has brought new learning opportunities and experiences, and I am looking forward to working closely with our students, staff, families, and the entire El Camino community.

As you know, we have started our school year with Online Learning, and our teachers have prepared a robust instructional program! Our teaching staff and support personnel are focused on providing an academically rigorous and relevant educational program for each of our learners. Our curriculum is supported by a variety of instructional strategies, district and curriculum assessments, and enriched programs to meet the individual and diverse needs of our students. El Camino Elementary School is a Professional Learning Community, where every member of our community works collaboratively and diligently to ensure that all students are academically successful.

We emphasize traditional values while promoting self-esteem, global awareness, problem-solving, and a desire for lifelong learning. In addition to academic growth, we also expect our students to experience growth socially and emotionally through our emphasis on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). We model our three school-wide behavior expectations, which are to Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful. Our commitment to helping students build strong principles, social skills, and resilience will assist in solidifying this foundation. Studies have shown that when parents are actively and authentically engaged in their child's learning, there is a positive impact on the child's overall achievement. Therefore, we want to continue to foster partnerships among our parents, students, and staff to create a warm, caring, and supportive environment, where all students will succeed. Some opportunities for parent involvement include attending Zoom with the Principal, Site English Learner Parent Advisory Committee meetings, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) parent meetings, and Special Education Parent Advisory Committee meetings.

Please be sure to visit our website and follow us on Twitter for regular updates on school events and activities. I am looking forward to another incredible year here at the Home of the COUGARS!

Respectfully,

Gianna Roca
Principal

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