



Sayre Elementary School

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Hello Sayre Families,

I am very excited to welcome you all to another great year at Sayre and a special welcome to all the new families joining us this school year. I hope that you are all rested, relaxed and ready for some great learning. As in years past, we have many things in store for this year. We will continue to be focusing on our Sayre Strong mission, will be working hard on building reading and mathematics skills, will be collaborating with families to provide some wonderful activities throughout the year and of course we have some fun up our sleeves too.

Being Sayre Strong is a way of life here at Sayre Elementary. We are continuously working with and encouraging our students to be Safe, Trustworthy, Respectful and Responsible, Open Minded, to Never Give Up and to always Grow Kindness. This year we will continue that learning. We encourage you to use this same language at home with your children. Reward and honor them for doing Kind things and being Open to others' ideas. Celebrate when they are persistent and they Never give up. Remind and reinforce the importance of Safety, Responsibility and Respect. This collaboration and communication of these ideals will help to solidify the connection between home and school. It will show students that these are quality skills that will make them successful at school and in life.

Building on students' academic skills will also continue to be the main focus of our days. This year we will begin utilizing the NWEA assessment system. I have been fortunate to utilize this system in the past, and can tell you that it provides a wealth of information that is invaluable to teachers in helping to grow students' academic skills. Teachers will now have in depth knowledge of the skill levels students are working at in both reading and math and will be able to use that information to grow each student from where they are at. We are very excited to have this tool to help support and guide our instruction. As the year progresses and as our teachers continue to learn more about this tool, we will communicate to you further about your child's progress and growth.

Finally, we look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship with our families as we work with PTO and our SIP team. We are so grateful to be part of such a strong

community that is committed to the development of each child. We deeply appreciate each parent and all that they bring to our school environment, and we encourage every family to be involved in our school community. Whether it is through PTO leadership, committee chairs, volunteering, serving as a mystery reader, or donating supplies, every bit helps to make our school a great place to teach, to learn and thrive.

We are looking forward to having all of our students return to us after Labor Day so that we can dive right into another exciting year. If at any time you need any assistance do not hesitate to communicate with your classroom teacher. Additionally, my door is always open and I am happy to help in any way I can.

Here is to a wonderful 2017-2018 school year!

Jennifer Herbstreit
Principal - Sayre Elementary School