



Dear Parents,

I am very excited for the upcoming school year! Kindergarten is a milestone in your child's life and I am honored to be a part of his/her educational journey. In order to make this year successful, I would like to invite you to become partners with me in your child's education.

This will be my twentieth year of teaching. I live in Colchester with my husband and two boys. I love to read, garden, swim, cook and generally be outside enjoying this beautiful town we live in. Teaching is a passion of mine and I am so lucky to be able to spend my days with your children!

We will be having a Kindergarten Orientation on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 -10:30 AM here at UMS. During Orientation you and your child will come to our room together, get acquainted with the room, meet the other students and families from our class and participate in a morning meeting. Your child will then go on a bus ride while you stay with me to hear very important information regarding everything kindergarten. We will talk about communication, lunch forms, homework etc... Next, you will go to the cafeteria and I will be with your child either on the playground or in our room.

Please email me at [Tracy.Helfrich@colchestersd.org](mailto:Tracy.Helfrich@colchestersd.org) if you have questions or concerns. I won't check my email daily but I will check it (-:

Sincerely,  
Tracy Helfrich

Looking Ahead:

Our Emergent Reading Program will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 until 10:00. I NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR READING PROGRAM PLEASE!!! The only supplies your son /daughter needs for kindergarten is a backpack, lunch and two snacks. I will have information regarding our classroom for you at orientation, as well as our specials schedule.