



# The Ethical Community Charter School ~ Jersey City



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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at TECCS. We are delighted to have your student in our classrooms this year and look forward to sharing the school year together with your child. As teachers, we will endeavor to create an educational partnership with you and your child that will foster courage, determination, and passion for knowledge. In addition to this, our commitment as educators will be to provide your child with a nurturing and challenging educational environment that will ensure their academic success in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

This year the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be transitioning between two classes. Ms. Martinez, will be the Math and Science teacher, and Ms. Cerbo will be the Language Arts and Social Studies teacher. Since the curriculum in 5<sup>th</sup> grade is very diverse and challenging, homework will be an important reinforcement tool to help students achieve mastery with the standards. Homework will be assigned to your child on most weekday evenings. It will reinforce concepts already discussed in class and always be a natural extension of their class coursework. Many homework assignments will require your student to study at home. When studying at home, students should have a quiet, distraction-free environment.

Since attendance and appropriate behavior at school are crucial to the learning process, it is imperative that your child attends school every day. During the first weeks of school, we will be working together with our students to develop a set of classroom rules, rewards and consequences. Your child should be in school no later than 8:30 a.m. Instruction will begin promptly every day. If an absence or tardy is unavoidable, your child will have the opportunity to complete their missed assignments, but nothing can recreate the classroom environment filled with student/teacher interactions.

Our goal as teachers is to help each of our students to reach their fullest potential and to instill in them a love of learning. We will respect each child as an individual and offer concern and understanding for their problems. We will work our hardest to help each student achieve the goals of the academic content standards set by the state of New Jersey.

Your help and support are needed in making your child's year a success. We are looking forward to a great year. We consider it a great privilege and responsibility to be your child's teachers this year and look forward to working closely with you and your child. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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