



**EARLY LEARNING CENTER AT SMITH SCHOOL  
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Dear Parents/Guardians;

On behalf of the staff of the Early Learning Center at Smith School, I would like to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer filled with time for family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the youngest scholars of the Poughkeepsie City School District to our first day of school on Thursday, September 5th! I will be on hand, along with our staff, to greet our students and their families, and ensure a smooth transition into a new school year.

Our school consists of eight pre-kindergarten sections, which are half day programs. The pre-kindergarten classes are located on the ground floor. Our 15 kindergarten classes are on the second and third floors. It is our mission to provide a world class, quality education to every student. It is the goal for all students to read at least 15 minutes each night during the school year. As a parent, you have the power to increase your child's learning potential simply by making books an important part of their lives.

We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want, we need, and we value your involvement and support in your child's education. Your active participation is the key to the success of your child! We look forward to a very positive and productive year together!

Again, we welcome you to the Early Learning Center, and we look forward to a school year full of exciting teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

Colleen Hardiman  
Principal