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Dear Parents,

The past year has flown by swiftly on winged feet, and most of the children are ready to move on to the next level.

Watching from the sidelines, it has been interesting to observe how the children have gone through a veritable metamorphosis over the course of the year. They started the school year by peeping out timidly from behind protective adults. They continued the normalization process by tentatively testing the waters of their new environments. Finally, by June, it has been rewarding to see them confidently traipsing out with all the élan and aplomb of seasoned troopers.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting changes coming up. At times, change can be scary and cause tension. However, I strongly believe that informed change can dissipate those feelings and allow everybody to work toward something even better. These changes are the result of much thought and planning, as we move to set up Rainbow Montessori for the future. Here is a sneak peek of what's ahead:

- After the success of our existing multi-age classrooms, we are opening a second Lower Elementary multi-age classroom under the leadership of Ms. Marika. The two Lower Elementary combination classrooms will be working closely with each other and offering support as needed.
- With our upstairs finally ready to be used for classrooms, we will be moving our 4th Grade classroom, headed by Ms. Alexis, upstairs over the summer. Our Upper Elementary combination classroom will be following suit as soon as Ms. Alexis' class is finished.
- Keeping with our plan for renovating and expanding the Kindergarten playground, we will be adding a new play structure over the summer, to replace our swing set.
- Finally, as part of our continuing efforts to improve the all-around aesthetics of our school, we are excited to be unveiling a new school uniform for our Kindergarten and Elementary Programs. School uniforms are to be ordered only from www.frenchtoast.com using the school code (QS5APWN). Please get on their mailing list sooner rather than later for all kinds of freebies and coupons.

We, as a Rainbow Montessori community, are excited about the new school year ahead of us. Working together, there is no goal too lofty to reach. This is **our** school - let's support and champion each other to new heights.

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