



September 2016

Welcome back to school

Discovery School Families,

The first few weeks of the new school year have been filled with engagement, excitement, and energy! The classrooms, halls, and playground are continuously filled with laughter and joy. I'm honored to be a part of all the exciting milestones in your children's lives' as they each embark on a journey that will lead them on unlimited roads of discovery and learning.

Celebrating Discovery,

Renea Hutchins



Dates to Remember

- 9/22-Back-to-School Night
- 10/3-Closed for Rosh Hashanah
- 10/11-Close at 1:00 for Yom Kippur
- 10/12-Closed for Yom Kippur
- 10/20-Sukkot Celebration
- 10/25-Simchat Torah Celebration



Reggio Emilia Tidbit

When Rabbi Haas and I had the privilege to study in Italy, we immersed ourselves in the rich values of Reggio Emilia. Reggio is an **innovative** and inspiring approach to Early Childhood Education, which recognizes that every child is **strong, capable, and resilient**. We believe this to be true at The Discovery School. These values are strengthened by the children interacting with different students and teachers, which is intentionally planned at The Discovery School. This intentionality enhances our family atmosphere, one which is built around the philosophy that The Discovery School is a place where every teacher knows every child and every child knows every teacher. Another way we achieve this goal of **a strong, capable, and resilient** child is providing different areas of discovery, rather than limiting learning to the classroom. It is intentional at The Discovery School that we utilize all areas of the Temple to provide opportunities to create A.W.E. (Awake, Wonder, Engage) moments. The school environment is recognized for its potential to inspire children due to it being filled with *natural light, order and beauty*. We have created open spaces free from clutter, where various materials are available for this purpose. These open areas are ever-evolving to encourage children to develop diverse interests. By implementing these strategies, we promote the development specific skills at an early age that allow children to recognize that they are all **strong, capable, and resilient**.