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Dear Findley Students:

I am so happy to welcome you to another school year at Findley Elementary School. I am sure that you are nervous to start the new school year and also excited. I remember feeling that way when I was your age too!

As you start the new school year, I hope that you will continue to learn new drama, music, and drawing skills. Having these creative outlets is so important not only in your school work, but also in your personal growth and future development. For the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students that I met last year, I would like to encourage you to continue to use some of the skills that we worked on together when I visited in March, such as using good listening and communication skills. You are so lucky to be in a school that embraces the arts in so many forms, and makes them a part of your activities and classes!

I also know that the theme of this year is “Findley Believes.” I love this theme because believing in ourselves, our dreams and our goals is so important. Without believing, we cannot achieve anything. I am so happy that you are surrounded by a wonderful principal, Ms. Owen, and also your valuable teachers who also believe in you. You must now do your part and believe in yourself too. You can be anyone you want to be when you believe in yourself and surround yourself with people who also share this positive belief in you.

I am looking forward to seeing you again later this academic year. I can only imagine the creative projects and theatric performances that you will come up with this time!

Peace,

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