



Dear Lower School Parents;

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and taking the time to be lazy before school begins August 11. I have taken some time off to visit family and friends and I'm enjoying having time to read. But I have also been very busy preparing for another fabulous year. I have noted below some information to keep you updated before August.

We will continue to offer Extended Day Care for any Lower School student who needs to stay after their school day ends. **Extended Day** runs until 5:30 p.m. under the direction of one of our PK teachers, Becky Hahn with assistance from two of our Paraprofessional teachers. We will also continue to offer **Homework Hour** for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders on a first come basis. Debbie Green will run the 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade hour and Dale Cofield will run the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade hour. If you feel your 5<sup>th</sup> grader needs to participate in the Homework Hour he/she will need to sign up for the 2:30-3:15 *fitness* spot so that he/she can join the Homework Hour from 3:15 -4:15. Applications for both Extended Day and Homework hour can be found on our Valwood web site or in the Lower School office.

I will also be hosting some Lower School coffees throughout the year for anyone who would like to come and visit. The coffees will be at 8:00 a.m. and will not have an agenda. Our first coffee will be held in the Lower School Turner Library on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The teachers are already missing their students and have started returning to their classrooms to prepare for the upcoming year now that Mr. Charles has finished cleaning and polishing our building. The halls are bare but soon they will be bright and cheerful as we prepare for the children.

Please watch for a letter from your student's new teacher the last of July giving final details about the upcoming year. In the meantime you can log onto the Valwood web page and find the summer reading assignments for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade and the PK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Supply Lists. Additionally, this year all information regarding the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year will be posted on the Valwood website. Please visit [www.valwood.org](http://www.valwood.org) and click on "Back to School" to view and print the forms. Complete and return them to the school by August 10. If you have any questions regarding the forms or cannot access the information, please call Becky Wetherington at 242-8491, extension 7138.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Lower School, please do not hesitate to call me at Valwood, extension 7333.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Hamman  
Lower School Dean