Dear Parents,

Congratulations on registering your child for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) with Orange County Public Schools (OCPS). We are looking forward to making your child's first experience in OCPS an enjoyable educational journey.

As a result of a grant awarded in April, the VPK program at the school where your child is registered will have an innovative dual language learner program in VPK. This means that students in VPK classes at this site will be learning two languages! Teachers in the program will receive training and support as they implement this exciting program. Your child will receive instruction in both English and Spanish and will learn to read and write in both languages. There is a great deal of research showing that children who learn two languages make greater gains in literacy and academic achievement than those who do not. The academic content that students are learning will be the same as the content in other VPK programs across the district.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning in VPK. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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