

Dear Cotteral Families,

Welcome to a new and exciting year of learning! The Cotteral staff is energized and ready for the new Reading adoption and working with an outstanding community building and learning approach. Our goal is to develop a partnership with you to develop happy, healthy and successful children.

“Back to School” can be stressful and challenging time for student as well as families. Establishing routines and procedures is one strategy for making a smooth transition from summer. Here are a few tips that may help:

- Set up a bedtime and wake-up routine in advance.
- Get to know your child’s teacher.
- Establish a homework routine, which includes a quiet place to complete homework. Make yourself available to help with questions. Always remember it is the child’s homework.
- Ask your child specific questions about the day. “What was your favorite part of the day?” “Tell me one thing you are proud you learned today?” This type question will create a dialogue.
- Celebrate successes frequently! Let your child know how important school is.
- Read, Read and Read more to your child!

I look forward to creating an educational partnership. Thanks you for sharing your child with us! Please call if you have questions or concerns.

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Principal, Cotteral Elementary