

From the Desk of.....

I want to thank all of the supportive and enthusiastic parents who attended our beginning of the year parents' meetings. We had over 90% of our parents attend. I am a firm believer that communication, respect, and trust are indispensable in any relationship. And the relationship Conchita has with its parents guarantees the success and growth of our students.

Conchita is a unique place where something special is always going on. This morning I walked in and saw our 4 year olds making "moon sand" from flour and baby oil. Our 7th and 8th graders were on a visit to a high school. I stopped by Jr. Voice Mastery to hear them. They were doing their first try of "The Star-Spangled Banner." I was blown away. The sound, the emotion, the faces of pride were awe-inspiring.

Everything we do here has meaning. Our rigorous academic program is well-developed and provides a scope and sequence through the years that allows for continuity and addresses the physical, mental and emotional development of our children. Everything from our morning prayer, the pledge of allegiance, Dreams classes, masteries, the books we read aloud, the games we play at recess, the songs we sing, the projects we design to apply the skills we've learned – all of the things we do each day have the purpose of giving our children the edge to be lifelong learners, to be creative, persistent, and to make excellent lemonade when life gives them lemons.

Part of a child's education is to learn to adapt to unforeseen circumstances and make the best of them, to think out of the box, to create solutions – not problems, to think fast on their feet, to know the difference between fact and fiction, to know how to question, and most of all to know how to listen.

We have much to look forward to this year – Family Affair, the inauguration of our track, the Pinecrest Christmas celebration, and most important – much learning and growing. With your support we'll accomplish all our goals.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle J. Feas", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.