

## TMS Principal's Log 2.2 School Year Date: 9/13/2019

Dear TMS families,

At the beginning of the school year, seeing the students together is incredibly revealing. When they assemble you can feel their energy. Some of our most important work is establishing the school: student compact. So, getting the students together early is very important. We establish an unconscious agreement. The staff promises to do our very best to create an environment that makes learning happen. The students promise to comply with the rules and try their very best.

Last week Mr. DeBellis and I met with students in grade-level assemblies to reinforce this message. He is a wonderful mentor for the children. These are important meetings because they set the tone for the year. I emphasized the five *Tigertudes*.

### THE TIGERTUDES

1. The way we treat each other matters more than anything.
2. Develop a growth mindset.
3. Be where you are supposed to be. Be where your feet are - focus, execute, focus.
4. Sharpen the saw. Take care of yourself, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
5. Decrease the drama in your life. Increase the peace. Do you own your technology, or does it own you?

Next, Mr. DeBellis and I reviewed important parts of the Code of Conduct and the major procedures that affect the students daily and keep us all safe. The assemblies were both informative and pleasant. I wish to thank the students for their excellent behavior. They listened actively and posed insightful questions. Once again, I was impressed by the children of Tuckahoe. Please pat one on the back for me. :-)

My Best,

Gregory Stiefel, Principal TMS

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