

June 2008

Dear Learning and Research Academy Parents,

Welcome to the Learning and Research Academy! We are looking forward to a year during which your child will be actively engaged in a variety of specialized methods of instruction. Additionally, all students will participate in events and projects in the mainstream environment.

During the first few weeks, the students will be in the LRA classroom for most of the day. We use this time to assess their current academic levels. We will then group the students for Reading, Language Arts, and Math based on their needs and learning styles. Other subjects, such as Science and Social Studies, will be covered in the mainstream. Once groups are determined, your child's reading teacher will be your main contact for conferences and IEP meetings.

Students will be assigned to a mainstream grade level color group. The color group attends "Specials" classes on a six day rotation. Word Processing, Art, Music, and Spanish are attended once every six days, while students participate in Physical Education twice a rotation period. Students should wear P.E. clothing on those two days. A schedule will come home informing you of your child's color group and rotation. The numbered "Specials" days are marked on calendars accessed on the school website.

Students are required to wear University School polo shirts with black, navy, or khaki bottoms. These can be shorts, skorts, or pants. Children should come to school on P.E. days with their P.E. shirt and P.E. shorts or sweatpants. Long, baggy, or cargo shorts are not allowed. **\*\*This year, we are asking that a green uniform shirt be included in your child's uniform wardrobe. This will be the shirt students will wear on field trips.\*\*** A complete description of the dress code can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook.

All students will be provided with school supplies needed during the year. Also, we will hand out the same "homework" folder as those used in their assigned grade level. Backpacks are permitted only on days when your child has an activity that requires a change of uniform.

Communication between the school and home will continue to be done through our school website located at [www.uschool.nova.edu](http://www.uschool.nova.edu). Homework assignments, newsletters, and announcements will be posted on this site so that you and your child can easily refer to all assignments, reminders, and calendar of events. Please feel free to email any of the LRA teachers from this site as our email addresses are listed on the University School webpage. Please be sure to check the website frequently for updates.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Orientation Day, Tuesday, August 19, 2008. We will have a successful and busy year! Please refer to your letter from Dr. Barnes as to the time of your visit in the mainstream grade level, as well as the LRA classroom.

Sincerely,

The LRA Team