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Dear Parents,

I would like to bring you up to date on our plans for going forward here at St. Mary's Preschool.

**Danielle Vitta**, a SUNY, New Paltz, graduate in education and an accredited teacher in the state of New York, has agreed to remain with us as Interim Head of School/teacher through the end of this year. Many of you met Danielle last week as she began her work in the classroom. I hope you will get to know her even better in the coming weeks. Danielle came to us highly recommended by the Administration of Tuxedo Park School where she has served as a substitute teacher with the younger children.

**Paloma Hekl**, known to many of you in a variety of ways, will now be our full time classroom aide. She has stepped graciously into this position following Debbie McGrady's resignation on Friday. Paloma will also continue to teach Spanish on Mondays as she has done all year long. For those of you who might not know Paloma, she has served as a substitute in the Preschool as well as aide last year for a special needs child. Paloma also knows the Preschool from a parent's perspective, as her two children are graduates of St. Mary's.

The third person of our team going forward is **Kerri Keating-Leu** who will serve as a teacher consultant to our program. Many of you know Kerri as she has taught our "Mommy/Daddy and Me" classes and also teaches swimming at the Wee-Wah. Kerri is certified in Early Childhood Education through the Montessori method. She will be working with Danielle and Paloma in preparing the best program for the children.

I realize that these last days have been upsetting and sad for all. I want to thank each of you for your willingness to talk with me. I so enjoyed being in the classroom on Thursday and Friday with the children. One of my minor areas of study for my Bachelor's degree was education. As part of my Masters program, I also took classes in the area of education. Being in the classroom with the students last week reminded me of just how much I love the field of education.

Please contact me with any questions or comments you have...now or in the days ahead.

Again, thank you.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Elizabeth S. McWhorter