**DI Start of Year Sample Message to Parent/s (p.64, Imbeau/Tomlinson (2010)**

* I am pleased that I will be teaching your child this year and want to do everything I can to make it a successful year for him/her.
* I have learned over the years that I am a better teacher when I understand my students’ particular strengths and needs as individual learners.
* I want to know what you value for your son/daughter this year so that I can support him/her in developing those areas.
* I hope you will help me understand what some of your child’s strengths and needs are as the year continues.
* My intent in class is to use what I can learn to help your child grow as much and as fast as possible to achieve and, in some cases, exceed the goals that are established for our class.