



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Park Road Montessori! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing all of our returning friends and welcoming new friends.

A little bit about me! I attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education (K-6). I have been a teacher/in the education field for 18 years. I am Orton-Gillingham trained and currently working towards my 6-9 and 9-12 Montessori certification. My 10 year old (Cooper) is a rising fifth grader at Park Road. This will be my 7th year at Park Road and in Upper Elementary. I have been a teacher assistant for 4 years, a co-lead during my training, and last year was my first year as a lead teacher. I look forward to this journey together this year with your student.

I am excited to work with the bright young leaders of our school as they explore the dynamic Upper Elementary Curriculum and dive into fields of study. As the first few weeks progress, I will be sending out more information about our community. My focus during the first few weeks of school will be to observe, review from the previous year and begin to understand learning styles and pinpoint academic levels of new students. This is a very sacred time to help build our classroom community and we will be spending time developing the classroom community. It allows me to set the tone for the entire school year.

For all new parents, please reach out to me through email (melissac.bubany@cms.k12.nc.us) as soon as possible! Communication is very important! Please share your child's name, and all contact information.

Classroom supplies are on the next page. Please do not label these. Students will get to keep the majority of these supplies, but some will go into a community shelf to replenish items throughout the year. I will have students label materials as needed. If you ordered the Upper Elementary Supply pack, it will be delivered to our classroom. Please note that some of the items your student may need are not in the Upper Elementary supply box. They will be listed under additional items.

Looking forward to an amazing school year and I can't wait to see everyone!

Ms. Melissa



Upper Elementary supply list:

- ❑ 2 12-packs Ticonderoga pencils
- ❑ 1 box of tissues
- ❑ 2 pink erasers
- ❑ 7 composition books (wide ruled)
- ❑ 1 12-pack colored pencils
- ❑ 2 plastic 2-pocket, 3-pronged folders
- ❑ 2 packages of index cards (4x6)
- ❑ 2 glue sticks
- ❑ sticky notes- 2 pack of 3"x3"
- ❑ highlighter

Additional items for all students:

- headphones or earbuds (to use with Chromebooks as needed)
- pencil case/ pouch (used to organize supplies)
- drawing or sketchbook
- 8 inch big kid scissors
- 1.5 inch binder
 - This is only for **new students** to our class. It will be used as a **portfolio** and is different from the art notebook.

For Art : Students will need a 1.5 inch binder and 10 dividers for art. This is only for new students to Upper Elementary. I kept the binders for students returning next year.

Optional Items that would be helpful for the classroom!

4th Graders

- Band aids

5th Graders

- Clorox Wipes

6th Graders

- Boys - Gallon size bags/quart size bags
- Girls - dish soap
- Composition notebook for health (all)

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education."

-Maria Montessori