

Welcome to Our Classroom!

Hello families!

My name is Ally Boddicker, and I am so delighted to be serving as the lead teacher in your child's classroom this year. The teaching assistant in our class is Ms. Valerie Murphy. I hope everyone has had a wonderful and relaxing summer. I want to make sure that you get to know me in the coming weeks and that we have open communication throughout the year. Here is a little background information about me. I'm originally from a suburb of Dallas, Texas. I went to Clemson University, immediately followed by a Montessori teacher-training program in Charleston, SC. I taught lower elementary for three years in Pawleys Island, SC. I moved to Charlotte in 2016 and have been at Park Road Montessori ever since.

Here is the required supply list that I have come up with for our year:

- 2 **wide-ruled** composition notebooks for returning students, and **3 for new students** (NOT college ruled lines, those are too small)
- ½ inch graph paper math notebook- search for exactly those words in Amazon and many options will come up. (These are a little pricey for a single notebook, but they are the perfect size for writing their math work at this age.)
- 1 large, bound art sketchbook
- 1 plastic folder with pockets
- Crayola colored pencils (as many as you're willing to send in)
- Glue sticks
- 1st graders: one pack of loose leaf lined, wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2nd graders: pink erasers (no pencil eraser caps please)
- 3rd graders: Kleenex boxes
- Yarn! The children love doing yarn work, so please send in any yarn that you are willing to buy for us.

It's easiest for me if everything comes in one large shopping bag with the student's name on the outside of the bag. I will label their journals, notebooks, and folder, and everything else will be put into our classroom supply pot. Please email me if you are able and willing to buy another item for the classroom. I have a separate sign up sheet for random classroom needs.

As the next couple of weeks progress, be assured that I will be sending out more information about our classroom procedures and expectations. My focus during the first few weeks of school will be to observe the students, review from the previous year, and begin to understand the learning styles and pinpoint academic levels of new students. The beginning of the year is also a sacred time for building a strong sense of community in our classroom environment.

I look forward to meeting or seeing you all at the open house or on the first day of school! I can be reached via my school email, listed below. Thank you in advance for all your help and support this year.

Best,

Ally Boddicker

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