

Dear Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I am looking forward to building a great classroom community with our new and returning students. Throughout the year we will work together to grow individually and as a community, nurturing our academic, social and emotional growth.

I am eager to hear about everyone's summer and get to know all the new members of our community. As a start, let me introduce myself to new families. I am originally from Kentucky and attended both Guilford College and Xavier University, where I received my degree in Montessori Education. I've been teaching in Charlotte since 2006 and I have two children who will be attending Park Road this year.

We are fortunate to have Ms. Cindy as our TA again. She shares the following welcome: *I am so excited to return to such a lovely, engaging community school! I come from an early childhood education background, but after 12 years teaching preschool, I was looking for a new experience. I have an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Scranton and a Master's degree in Health and Wellness Counseling from Liberty University. I have three (mostly) grown children and will be experiencing life with an empty nest this year for the first time.*

Please reach out at any time if you have questions. You can email me at heather.simpson@cms.k12.nc.us or contact me at 704-989-7594. During the school year we have a few additional means of communicating classroom happenings:

1. Journals: Children will use one main journal for recording their learning during our daily work cycle. This journal will come home each Thursday for you and your child to look through together. It is helpful to replace the journal in a backpack right after reviewing as it needs to be returned by the next day. Please note, we will begin sending journals home after we have established classroom routines and work habits. This will likely be mid-September.
2. Weekly Updates: I will email an update each week with information that applies to the whole class.
3. Curriculum Night and Parent Education: I encourage everyone to attend these events for opportunities to learn more about our class routines and Lower Elementary Montessori Education.

We hope to see everyone at Open House! You are welcome to drop off classroom supplies that day. Please see the attached list for guidance. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's journey!

Warmly,

Ms. Heather and Ms. Cindy

Room 21 Supply List 2023-2024

As the majority of our supplies are shared in our community, please only label your child's backpack, lunchbox and water bottle. All other supplies listed below should be unlabeled and dropped off at Open House or on the first day of school.

Mead wide ruled composition notebook (plain black covers only)- 4

Ticonderoga Pencils-4 packs of 24

index cards (3x5 white, ruled)-2 packs

plastic (Poly) folder with brads and pockets (solid color either red, green, yellow or blue)-2

wide ruled notebook paper- 1 pack

glue sticks- 1 pack of 3

1st years- **primary composition notebook** (with a full page of handwriting lines)-2, **plain bandaids**-1 box, **Crayola colored pencils**- 2 boxes of 12

2nd years-**graph composition notebook**-1, **Disinfecting Wipes**-1, **Crayola colored pencils**- 2 boxes of 12

3rd years- **graph composition notebook**-1; **Kleenex**-1, **Crayola colored pencils**- 1 box of 24