

Welcome to Park Road Montessori 2023-24

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Ms. Ruth, and I will be your child's Primary Montessori teacher. Ms. Devon (our Assistant Teacher) and I would like to welcome both returning and new friends to the new school year.



This year, as in years past, Primary students are joining us through staggered entry. Your child will attend Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday as part of a mixed small group. On Thursday, August 31st, only the Kindergarteners will come to school. On Friday, September 1st, only the Pre-K will come to school. Look for the slip of paper in your packet that tells you your child's staggered entry day.

By starting in this manner, we hope to afford your child a better opportunity to be introduced to the classroom in a small, relaxed group. We hope to make the transition as smooth as possible with more personal attention and with fewer new things to process.

The following is a list of supplies to help us get started:

- 1 Primary ruled composition book & a pack of No. 2 pencils
- the 24 pack of Crayola colored pencils (these colors match the Montessori works best)
- 1 package of child safe glue sticks & a pair of children's scissors
- Pre-K's -- a box of tissues (natural/white unscented); a pencil box for your supplies
- Kindergarteners -- a container of unscented/sensitive skin baby wipes

School supplies go into classroom reserve (no need to label them, except the scissors). You may bring supplies to our classroom during Open House or send them with your child on the first day of school. We will most likely send other supply requests during the year if/when materials run low.

Please send a change of clothes including socks and underwear in a labeled zip lock type bag. Please send a pair of plastic shoes (i.e., Crocs, Natives, or something similar) for use during messy outdoor activities. Send a yoga mat for rest time. It will be cut to size and the extra piece will be used outdoors. Please label these personal items.

Your child will need a standard sized backpack or book bag. No wheels *please* (we don't have space). Tiny bags are cute but problematic for papers and artwork. Please remember to put your child's name on their personal items. For safety reasons, please write your child's name on the inside of their backpacks. We ask that you not to send metal water bottles to school with your child. There are many safe plastic alternatives available for good hydration.

When your child joins a Montessori classroom, they become part of a community of learners. At Park Road, volunteering supports this community. Your help and support make our school a great place to be. Sharing skills or time is most welcome. There are opportunities large and small in the classroom and at the school level that can fit most family needs and schedules. Please go to [CMSvolunteers.com](https://cmsvolunteers.com) to register.

Email will be an important means of communication for our class. My email is shown at the bottom of this communication. You will be hearing from me, Ms. Devon, and our room parents, Jennifer & Will Farquharson throughout the year. With that in mind, please keep us updated if/when addresses or other contact information changes.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or observations. Your child will be better served if we work as a strongly unified team that is willing to communicate openly and honestly.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

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