

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to welcome all new families, siblings, and rising kindergarteners to our classroom community. My name is Carey Montgomery and I will be your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Montessori is a very special method of education; you have all made an excellent choice for your children. We will be talking about the Montessori philosophy at parent meetings; so please come and ask us questions.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions and concerns. I want everyone to feel a part of our classroom community and I believe that we can accomplish that through open communication. The best way to reach me is through email, carolm.montgomery@cms.k12.nc.us; I will do my best to respond as soon as possible. However, if it is during the school day I want to share with you that I will be working with your children and not sitting at the computer.

In addition, I want to share with parents of our rising kindergarteners that we will be doing a staggered entry again. We are staggering the children's entry to school in order to give all of the children, including kindergarteners, the time they need to have a peaceful re-entry into the school environment. Each child will have an assigned day to come to school during the week of August 26th through the 30th. On each of those days, there will be six children in the room, a combination of K's and pre-K's. On Friday, August 30th, all 24 children will come together for the first time. We realize that this could make child care for that week an issue, which is why I am letting you know about it now. We will contact you with your child's assigned day. Please let me know if you have any questions. The primary team is excited about having the chance to give all of our children the individual attention they need to make a smooth start to their school year.

Supply List:

- Complete change of clothes in a Ziploc bag that is marked with your child's name (mark each item of clothing as well)
- Full day students will need a regular sized yoga mat (marked with name) to rest on. Please send a regular sized yoga mat, not an extra thick mat due to limited space.
- Book bag and lunch box with name on them (no wheels on book bag please)
- **1st Year Students:** box of tissues, red, blue, or green sponges without scrubber side that I can cut them for works in the classroom
- **Returning Students:** roll of select-a-size paper towels and black triangular Ticonderoga pencils from Office Depot.

If your child is going to be buying lunch in the cafeteria then please deposit money into his/her lunch account ahead of time. If your child will be bringing lunch to school in a lunchbox, please include a cloth napkin to be used as a placemat. The children need to be independent and open all their lunch containers in their lunchboxes themselves. We stress healthy eating habits at our school, so please send in food that is as nutritious as possible. Fridays are the only days that are "dessert days" at our schools.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Open House in August!
Warmest regards,

Ms. Carey