

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We warmly welcome new friends, siblings and rising Kindergartners to our classroom environment. We are looking forward to a wonderful year! My name is Amber Elder and I will be your child's teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. I am new to Park Road Montessori this year, but have been in the Montessori community for nearly 8 years. Jennifer Stallings is my assistant teacher. She is also new to Park Road this year, but we have worked together as a teaching team in the private school sector. She comes with many years experience in Montessori classrooms and also completed her AMS Montessori Early Childhood credential this summer.

Below is a list of items that your child will need to help us start off the school year. You are welcome to bring the supplies when we meet or you can send them with your child on the first day of school. We will send out requests for other school supplies during the year as we get to know our group.

**Supply List:**

*Please remember to put your child's name on all personal items. For safety reasons, please write your child's name on the inside of their backpacks.*

- A standard size shoulder backpack (no wheels, please) big enough to hold a 11x13 folder and library books.
- A change of clothes that is seasonally appropriate to be kept in the classroom (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) in a Ziploc bag. Please label each piece of clothing.
- 1 pack of o-Cello Sponges
- 1 24 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 2 black marble composition books
- 1 primary composition book
- 1 1-1.5 white three ring binder
  - *Kindergarten Boys* - 1 box of non-latex band-aids (no cartoon or themed items)
  - *Kindergarten Girls* – 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
  - *Pre-K Boys* - 1 container of unscented/sensitive skin baby wipes
  - *Pre-K Girls* -a box of family sized tissues (natural/white unscented)

Communication is of the utmost importance to your child's success. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. As e-mail will be a one of the main ways that both our room parents and myself will communicate with you, please make sure that we always have a valid e-mail address for you that is checked regularly. It is imperative that we communicate openly and honestly, as well as work together as a unified team to best meet the needs of your child.

We look forward to meeting everyone soon!

Kind regards,

*Amber Elder*