

Welcome to Park Road Montessori 2014-15



Dear Parents and Guardians,

For those of you who will just be joining us, welcome to Park Road Montessori. My name is Ms. Ruth and I will be your child's Primary teacher. For those of you who are returning to our class, Ms. Yetta and I can't wait to see how your child's journey continues. We look forward to another amazing year of development, learning and discovery.

This year, we will have our children, both pre-K and Kindergarten, joining us through staggered entry. Your child will attend only Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in a small group. The whole class will be joining together for Friday, August 29th. By starting off the year in this way, we hope to afford your child a better opportunity to be introduced to the classroom in a more comfortable small group. In this way, your child will have more personal attention and be able to move through the room with fewer new factors to process as we transition him/her into the beginning of their school journey.

The following is a list of some of the things your child will need to get us started off right. These items go into the general supply for use as is needed. You can bring supplies to our classroom when we meet or send them with your child on the first day of school:

- 1 composition book
- the 24 pack of Crayola colored pencils (these colors match the Montessori works best)
- a box of non-latex band-aids (no cartoon or themed items, *please*)
- 1 package of child safe glue sticks
- Pre-K's please bring a container of unscented/sensitive skin baby wipes
- Kindergarteners, please bring a box of tissues (natural/white unscented)

We will send out requests for other school supplies during the year as we get to know our group.

Please send a change of clothes including socks and underwear in a labeled zip lock type bag. Your child will need a standard sized backpack or book bag. No wheels *please*, as we don't have room for items that large. Tiny bags are problematic for transporting papers and artwork home. Your child will need bath towel or small coverlet for rest time. 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.

When your child joins a Montessori classroom, s/he becomes 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.

My CMS email address is ruth.tencati@cms.k12.nc.us. Please feel free to contact me at that address. Email will be an important means of communication for our class. You will be hearing from both myself and our room parent, Kina Martin, throughout the year. With that in mind, please keep us updated if/when addresses or other contact information changes.

Please do not hesitate to address me with questions or concerns. I cannot address your worries if I am not aware of what is on your mind. As a teacher, I have found that time is better spent and 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!

Ruth Tencati