

Welcome to Park Road Montessori 2019-20



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Ms. Ruth and I will be your child's Primary Montessori teacher. Ms. Devon, my assistant, and I would like to welcome both our new friends as well as those of you who are returning to our class. We are going to have another great year.

This year, we will have both pre-K and Kindergarten students joining us through staggered entry. Your child will attend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, OR Thursday and then return Friday, August 31st to be with the whole class. Look for the slip of paper that tells you what day will be your child's day for staggered entry.

By starting in this manner, we hope to afford your child a better opportunity to be introduced to the classroom in a comfortable small group. This will allow more personal attention and enable your little person to move through the room with fewer new things to process. This is the beginning of your child's school journey. We hope to make that transition as smooth as possible.

The following is a list of supplies we'll need to get started. These items go into the general supply. We will send out requests for other supplies during the year if/when things run low. You may bring supplies to our classroom or send them with your child on the first day of school:

- Pre-K's -- a container of unscented/sensitive skin baby wipes & a box of latex free band-aids (no cartoon or themed items, *please*)
- Kindergarteners -- a box of tissues (natural/white unscented); a box of sandwich size zip closed plastic bags; a package of child safe glue sticks

Please send a change of clothes including socks and underwear in a labeled zip lock type bag. Your child will need bath towel or small coverlet for rest time. Please send a pair of plastic shoes (i.e. Crocs, Natives, or something similar) that will be kept at school for use during messy outdoor activities.

Your child will need a standard sized backpack or book bag. No wheels *please*, as we don't have space for items that large. Tiny bags are cute but problematic for transporting papers and artwork home. 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. Please go to CMSvolunteers.com to register.

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

Please do not hesitate to communicate with me with about worries, questions, or concerns. 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