



Back To School Information 2011-2012

Welcome and Introductions

~ **Teacher Biographies***

Parent Education

- ~ Normalization Period - 6 weeks
- ~ Spiritual Preparation of the Teacher
- ~ Montessori Parent Education - Philosophy, date TBA
- ~ Parent Training - Reading Program (Wednesday, September 21, 4:00pm-5:00pm)
 - 7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers (Monday, August 29th, 3:45pm-5:00pm or Wednesday, September 7th, 6:00pm-7:30pm)
 - Technology Information Night (Wednesday, August 31st, 6:00pm-7:30pm)

Parent Participation (after 6 week normalization period)

- ~ Required: 7 Habits of Highly Effective Volunteers, TB test, Livescan Fingerprinting.
When requirements are met, you will be issued a Parent Badge from the office to wear as ID in the classrooms.
- ~ **Guidelines for Parent Participation in the Classroom***
- ~ Reading Program Training if reading with students in class
- ~ Log your Parent Participation hours! Binder by the school's front door or on school website.
- ~ **Parent Participation Opportunities*** - please fill out tonight

Parent-Teacher-School Communication

- ~ Communication Folders
 - ~ Weekly Newsletter
 - ~ Green Parent (Wednesday) Folders ~ Return on Friday
 - ~ Purple Homework (Monday) Folders, First Grade ~ Return on following Monday
 - ~ Blue Reading Folders ~ Read book, Fill out log, Return following day
- ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - ~ Formal conferences scheduled in October and March w/Progress Reports
 - ~ Conferences can be scheduled as needed
 - ~ Report Cards are sent home in January and June
- ~ Teachers available in AM from 8:00-8:30am and by school phone or conference 3:00-4:00pm
- ~ Voice mail for messages
- ~ Message Area near classroom door - look for class information
- ~ Email general questions to: cscott@cacmp.org or mkimber@cacmp.org

Montessori Curriculum

- ~ Assessment Process - completed by end of second week and along the way as necessary
- ~ Reading Program - most successful with parent help
- ~ Practical Life and Sensorial Areas - Foundation for success in the classroom
- ~ Math and Language Areas
 - ~ Albanesi Curriculum, Word Building Program
- ~ **Work Plans***, Kg and First Grade - used as a guide in the classroom - goes home daily in binder

~ ***Cultural Rotations and Introductions***

- ~ Botany - Miss Molly ~ Zoology - Miss Charmaine ~ Geography - Miss Eileen
- ~ Art History - Mrs. M

Homework

- ~ All children/parents should read together at least 20 minutes per night
- ~ Blue Reading Folders home daily; fill out reading log
- ~ First Grade only - Purple Homework Folders
- ~ Spelling Homework home on Monday, returned following Monday (more info to follow)
- ~ *Parents can earn 10 hours of volunteer time (initial and date every page of child's homework after you check it ☺)

Our Class Community

- ~ Kindergarten / First Grade
- ~ Advantages of mixed age-group: peer teaching, collaborative learning

Daily Schedule*

Person of the Day

- ~ **Person of the Day* Snack Ideas* Calendar***

Lunches

- ~ Nutritious foods only (no Lunchables, candy, soda, etc.)
- ~ Short warm-ups allowed (1 minute) - label with child's name
- ~ Hot Lunch Program
- ~ Order forms go home in green folder for the following month
- ~ -also available at www.cacmp.org

Field Trips and School-Wide Events*

- ~ **CMP Chaperone Guidelines***
- ~ Dates and details

'Fun'-raising Programs

- ~ **Pancake Breakfast*, Spaghetti Dinner/Art Show*, Kids' Night Out***
- ~ Funds go toward Gambia Girls, classroom materials, professional development, Montessori conferences

Care of Environment

- ~ Totebags only (reusable shopping bags work well too)
- ~ Slippers for indoors (follow dress code)
- ~ Label your child's name on clothing, especially coats, jackets, sweaters

Dress Code

- ~ We encourage solids, stripes or floral patterns (see CMP dress code)
- ~ One small picture or writing is allowed, if appropriate and smaller than 3 x 5 card
- ~ Shoes must have a back/strap across heel (flip-flops are not safe)

Attendance

- ~ Call the office in the AM when absent
- ~ Tardy slips are required after 8:30am

Drop off and Pick up

- ~ Class begins at 8:30am; allow time to put belongings away and for your child to transition
- ~ Kindergarteners are dismissed at 2:00 - picked up at playground gate with Club M staff
- ~ First Graders are dismissed at 3:00 - picked up at the Mimosa side gate
- ~ You can expect us to be outside about 5 minutes after class is dismissed

Thank you for coming!