

Dear Parents and Students,

The start of the 2010-2011 school year is quickly approaching! We are all off to a fresh start as we get to see our friends again and welcome new friends to our class. I am so excited to begin a new year together!

Since I will be working with your kids on a daily basis, I wanted to let you know a little bit about myself. I, too, am a Montessori parent! My husband, James, and I have been blessed to find MPA after moving to Colorado 5 years ago. Our family loves our beautiful mountains.....we love to ski and snowboard, camp, hike, play outside with our yellow labs Bailey and Sierra, work in our huge vegetable garden, and bike! (Basically, we love to be outside.....do you see why we moved to Colorado?) My oldest daughter, Paige, is moving to 5th grade this year. She has been at MPA since kindergarten. Anna Grace is moving to 2nd grade this year. She started at MPA when she was 3.

I have been blessed to work with Jennifer Parker as my assistant for the last two years. Jennifer has completed her lower elementary Montessori training and will be taking a position as a lead teacher on our lower elementary team. We have had an amazing journey together, but now I guess I need to share her with the whole school! She is just too special to keep in our classroom forever (ha ha).....I guess we need to share the wealth!! We will miss seeing her in our classroom every day, but she will be an amazing lead teacher and we wish her the best!

I am so excited to announce that Karen Harper will be our new classroom assistant. Her son, Jackson, just moved up into upper el from our classroom. For the past two years, we have had a wonderful relationship and I know she will fit right into our classroom! With two Montessori kids of her own and experience as a teacher at Head Start, she will bring patience, kindness, humor, conflict resolution techniques, and the love of Montessori to our classroom. We have been busy working together this summer to make this another amazing year!

Attached you will find your student's supply list. Please make sure that your child comes to school with all of the materials on the first day of school.

I believe school and home are a partnership, and I feel that we have built an amazing community in our classroom. I am honored to become a part of the new families' lives and continue to build relationships with our returning families. I love our school community, our staff, and our administration. MPA is home to me!

If you have any questions before school starts, please feel free to call me at 303-304-7379. I hope you are enjoying your summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace,
Darcy Darby