

Dear Parents,

Welcome to primary class. We are looking forward to working with your child and helping him or her to blossom in our classroom. To introduce ourselves, "we" includes Bev Gay and me. Bev is my assistant, and has worked with me for seven years. She came to our school with a great deal of experience, having previously worked in a Montessori classroom for five years, in addition to having worked with special needs children in the Cherry Creek school system. Bev has also worked as an emergency room nurse. She is married with two grown children, both of whom received a Montessori education. I have known her for a long time, and can attest to the wonderful combination of kindness, humor and intelligence with which she is, and we will be blessed. Bev's love for children is apparent.

I am Gwen Alexander. This will be my thirteenth year as lead teacher in this classroom, and I still feel as enthusiastic about MPA and my work as I did when I first came here. I hold a bachelor's degree and an Indiana public school teaching license from Franklin College. My interest in Montessori began when my son started attending a Montessori school in Columbus, Indiana. When my husband was relocated to Denver, I joined the Montessori School of Denver, where I worked for four years. During this time, I spent three summers studying at the Montessori Institute in Denver, where I earned my AMI primary diploma.

My aim is to help your child grow and flourish at his or her own pace in an environment which honors his or her social, emotional, and academic growth.

While the children are in class, I need to devote my full attention to them and will not be free to answer or questions. However, please do not hesitate to call me at home in the evenings, or at weekends, with any questions and concerns which you may have. I will contact you as soon as I am able. My telephone number is (303) 779-5259.

The following pages provide general procedural information. You will receive a list of supplies which your child will need for school. Supplies are "pooled" and shared throughout the year.

This will be a great year!

Warmly,

Gwen Alexander  
Supply List 2010-11

- 1 Packet of white copy paper
- 1 box Kleenex tissues
- 2 rolls scotch tape
- 8 glue sticks
- 2 packets of 5 ounce paper cups
- 2 packs of white paper plates

If your last name ends with the letter please send:

- A – C 5 black colored pencils
- D – G 5 pink colored pencils
- H – K 5 mauve colored pencils
- L – M 5 yellow colored pencils
- N – P 5 green colored pencils
- Q – S 5 blue colored pencils
- T – V 5 orange colored pencils
- W – Z 5 gray colored pencils

(Same – colored pencils are available at stores such as Guiry's and Michaels)

NAPPERS (3 year olds) AND RESTERS (4 year olds): Please send your child to school with:

- a small fitted sheet to cover your child's mat
- a small pillow and pillowcase
- a small lightweight blanket
- one small stuffed animal (only to be used at nap time)

(a nap bag large enough to accommodate small items, will be provided)