

July 2010

Dear Families,

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about the 2010 – 2011 school year! Hope you are enjoying time together this summer.

As your child's new teacher, I would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce myself. I am a traditionally trained teacher who walked into my oldest son's 1st grade classroom, six years ago, and realized that I had finally found what I wanted my own classroom to feel like! I am the mom of two fabulous boys. My oldest, Braden, just graduated from 6th grade at MPA and will be a 7th grader at Goddard Middle School in the fall. My youngest, Zachary (Zach to his friends), will be in 4th grade at MPA. I was a parent volunteer and a substitute at MPA before spending the last two years as Darcy's Assistant. I could not have asked for a better, more supportive path to becoming a Montessori educator!

Now that I have completed my Montessori training, I am excited to put all that I have learned into action. I look forward to getting to know your child and you during this next school year. Please feel free to let me know how and when you can participate in the classroom. I welcome your contribution.

Please spend the rest of your summer enjoying each other! Read often, play with numbers, research interests and compose stories. The more time you spend reading together, the more time we get to spend adding to your child's education!

Nancy and I look forward to seeing you in August! We are fortunate to be part of the MPA community.

Peace,

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"...our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called the intelligence" ~ Maria Montessori

Supply Request for Ms. Jennifer's class 2010 – 2011

Personal Supplies – Please mark with your child's name.

Backpack, lunchbox and water bottle

cloth napkin - to be used as a placemat (kept in your child's lunch box and washed as needed)

3 **plastic** folders with brads inside, 1 each – yellow, red and blue (colors are important, see me if you have questions)

Shared supplies – please do not put a name on them.

1 ream of white copy paper – with some recycled content please

3 wide ruled black marble composition books – not spiral

24 count **Crayola** colored pencils

24 yellow #2 pencils (Ticonderoga really are the easiest to sharpen and last the longest)

2 **ultra fine black** sharpies

3 pack white **Magic Rub** erasers – no other brands please, You can find them in the drafting section at office supply stores if they are not at Target or Walmart.

1 package white, lined 3 x 5 cards

1 large box of tissues

First grade only

1 large container of Clorox wipes

2 pack scotch tape refill

1 box assorted size bandaids

Second grade only

1 refill bottle of Green Works all natural cleaner

1 box Ziploc bags – any size

Third Grade only

2 highlighters – any color

2 pack of glue sticks – Scotch brand is the best

Wish List

If you would like to donate any of the following items you may count the cost against your required 50 volunteer hours at the rate of \$10 per hour.

Hanging Folders – Letter size, standard green

File Folders – manila, letter size, 1/3 cut

Individual CD players

AA batteries

Black Expo Markers and erasers

White address labels – used for record keeping, store brand is fine

White wash cloths or bar mops (available at Bed, Bath & Beyond) – need a lot!!

Good quality, handheld pencil sharpeners that catch the shavings

Binder clips – any size

Post-it flags