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Dear Park Road Montessori Parents,

My name is Jennifer Stallings. I have been a member of the community at Park Road Montessori since 2014. I have been a parent, an assistant, and finally a lead teacher. I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your children this year. Ms. Amanda has been offered a wonderful opportunity at Chantilly Montessori as a Talent Development teacher. She will be missed. Ms. Christine will be returning and she will help me with getting know your children.

I discovered the Montessori philosophy while looking for a preschool for my son in 2001. As a family we decided to enroll him in a local Montessori school in Huntersville. We loved the philosophy and I quickly began to volunteer at the school. Volunteering led to assisting in a classroom. Montessori has changed my perspective on teaching, parenting, and living. This very special gift of Montessori is something I cannot wait to share with you and your children. My daughters both attended Park Road Montessori and are now in 8th and 12th grade.

Having the opportunity to work with you and your children is a joy. I look forward to getting to know each of your families and I want to hear your own stories of finding Montessori. On **Friday, August**, we will open the class to you and your child to give you an opportunity to explore the classroom and meet the teachers. Please join us anytime **9-11 am on August 17th**. Soon you will be sent a phase-in schedule for our class for the first week of school. Feel free to contact me at jennifer1.stallings@cms.k12.nc.us if you have any questions.

A few housekeeping items: we will be wearing classroom crocs in the classroom, please make sure to find crocs that are free of embellishments and can be taken on and off independently.

Please enjoy the time you have with your children this summer, I look forward to meeting you all very soon.

Yours In Montessori,
Ms. Jennifer

“Free the child’s potential, and you will transform him into the world.” -Maria Montessori

Dear Room 16 Families,

I am excited to join Room 16 this year. I welcome back the families of Room 16 and extend a welcome to our new families for the 2023-2024 school year. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and I'm excited to hear about everyone's summer adventures. We will begin with a staggered entry schedule. Please refer to the schedule to know which day your child will attend during the first week of school. All Kindergarten students will attend on Thursday and all PK students will attend on Friday. Below is a list of items that your child will need to help us start off the school year. You can bring supplies to Open House or you can send them with your child on the first day of school. I will send out requests for other school supplies during the year as we get to know our group.

Supply List:

- 1 12 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Crayola watercolor paints
- 1 box of sidewalk chalk
- 1 pack of Crayola Broad Line markers - Classic colors
- 1 Standard size shoulder backpack (no wheels)
- 1 pair of plain colored crocs or croc like shoes (Native style shoes are okay) - to be worn indoors

Kindergartners – 1 box of gallon sized bags, 1 pack of unscented baby wipes & 1 primary composition notebook.

Pre-Kindergartners – 1 box of tissues & 1 bottle of dish soap

Clothing

Please send a change of clothes that are seasonally appropriate to be kept in the classroom (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) in a Ziploc gallon bag. Please LABEL each piece of clothing and the Ziploc bag.

Snack

Each child is assigned snack days throughout the school year. Please send enough for 24 children to have snack twice. You will be able to check our class site for your assigned snack days. Please send a thorough ingredient list so we can double check that it is safe for our children with allergies. We strive to provide healthy snacks for your children, so please avoid processed and sugary snacks. Fruits and vegetables are highly recommended!

Family of the Week

You can sign up for "Family of the Week." The family of the week brings flowers on Monday and takes home the laundry on Friday to be laundered and returned the following Monday.

Lunch

Students may purchase lunch at school or bring lunch from home. For students bringing lunch from home, please provide containers that your child can open independently. Our aim is to create less waste, so when in doubt, send reusable items, including a water bottle (Please label all reusable items). Candy, soda, fruit snacks, gummies, sugary drinks and snacks are not appropriate for the classroom. We will have "Dessert Friday" when you can send a small treat for your child's lunch (Friday only).

Communication

Communication is of the utmost importance to your child's success. Please feel free to email me any time at jennifer1.stallings@cms.k12.nc.us with questions or concerns. Email is the main form of communication, so please make sure that I always have a valid e-mail that is checked regularly. Our open and honest communication will be one of the keys to the success of our partnership in guiding your child.

Warm regards,

Jennifer Stallings