

Hello to all!

We are so excited to begin the school year! Ms. Allie and I have been busy setting up the classroom and getting things ready for our first day of class.

Below is some important information about the first weeks of school and the school supply list **Please read the information through to the end.**😊

We are looking forward to another awesome year!

See you all soon!

Ms. Stef and Ms. Allie

Dates to remember:

Tuesday, August 4th from 7:00-9:00 pm - MMA Pool Party/BBQ

Join us at North shore aquatics (across the street from the school) for FREE swimming for the whole family and enjoy seeing old friends, meeting new friends, and chatting with the teachers. Make sure you come hungry since the Middle School will be selling food as a fund raiser.

Thursday, August 13th from 6:30-8:00 pm - Montessori 101 and Back to School Night

6:30-7:00 pm- Montessori 101 - Please join us as we provide an overview of the Montessori Philosophy and answer any questions you may have! Start your year at MMA by meeting the administration and learning to navigate our communication systems.

A playground supervisor will be present for children so that parents will be able to get a full introductory experience during this time.

7:00- 8:00 pm: Back to School Night: Parents, come in and visit with Ms. Stef and Ms. Allie, meet other parents, and get some important information about the upcoming school year. School supplies can also be dropped off at this time.

Friday, August 14th from 2:00- 2:45 pm- New Student Orientation

We will be having new student orientation for all 4th grade students and 5th -6th graders that are new to the school.

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School Supplies: Here is the list of supplies that we will be using this year:

As of last week these were all available at my local store that starts with “W”.

Binders, pencils and other supplies are much cheaper at Costco and Sam’s Club in a multi-pack if this is an option for you. This is a big money saver if you are buying for multiple kids. You might even consider teaming up with other parents to buy bulk items and split up the cost.

If you like to shop on Amazon.com here is an Amazon list for most of the needed supplies **except for the ream of copy paper, indoor shoes, water bottle, placemat and lunch box**. It is not the cheapest option but it is the most convenient ☺
<http://amzn.com/sl/39KKERDXNBQLS>

Please consider quality when you buy supplies, as some of the cheapest items in the store tend to break almost immediately.

Most of our classroom supplies will be stored and used in class as needed throughout the year, so only label binders with the child’s name.

- 2- 1 ½ inch white view-binders
- 15 tabbed notebook dividers
- 25 clear sheet protectors (These do not need to be heavy duty)
- 2- packages notebook Paper – Wide ruled
- 1 package loose leaf 4 x 4 Quad Ruled paper (graph paper), (Please be sure it is 4×4 or 4 squares per inch NOT 5×5)
- 1 package thin line markers
- 1 package thick line Markers
- 1-package- Dry erase markers- thin point
- 4- **Permanent** Glue Sticks,(look for these in the craft or scrap-booking department) (please do not get any glue sticks marked “Washable School Glue” They don’t stick well)
- 24-Ticonderoga Pencils (I prefer this brand as they hold up much longer than the cheaper pencils)
- 1-box of 24 Colored Pencils
- 1 - Good quality, hand-held pencil sharpener (Please choose a good quality pencil sharpener from the office supply section of the store. The cheap ones do not work well.)
- 1 Clear plastic ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 Pair of scissors (the better the quality the easier they are to use. Get the size your child feels comfortable with. The kids seem to prefer the larger sizes)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues (Kleenex)

NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE SCHOOL.”

In addition, each child needs to have the following items, labeled with child’s name:

- Indoor shoes/slippers – can be “Croc” like, no flip-flops. These must be dress-code compliant. **(Please see the enclosed information on recommendations for these)**
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch box
- Place mat
- USB flash drive (for saving documents)

Choosing Soft Sole Shoes (Slippers) for Class

Because we do a lot of our work on the floor at MMA, we utilize soft inside shoes (house shoes) to keep our floors clean and to keep the kids' feet protected. When choosing inside shoes for school, please consider the following:

- **Comfort**– softer shoes that stay on well while working on the floor. Buckles and laces can be uncomfortable and distracting. Slip-on styles are easy to put on.
- **Utility**– A sole that can go outside– Necessary for fire drills or stepping outside for a minute.
- **Durability**– Kids are hard on shoes. It makes sense to choose durable styles.
- **Dress code compliant**– Characters and fancy styles are distracting and cause issues.

These styles may be good choices. Have kids try them on and sit on the floor to check for comfort and see if they stay on. They do not need to be expensive. Remember that kids may grow out of them and need a new pair before the end of the year.



From the MMA Dress Code:

Shoes

All students need to have a soft sole shoe/slipper that must be worn at all times while in the building. The slipper needs to be free from logos, lettering, graphics, sparkles, sheen, decorative accents, and characters.

*Note: a small pattern is acceptable.



Not a Good Choice for School

These types of shoes are not dress code compliant. Please keep these at home.

