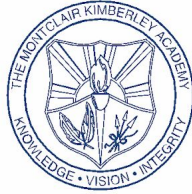


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### GETTING STARTED

Welcome to Pre-K! September is an exciting time. The following information will help you and your child get ready for pre-kindergarten.

- Please send a full-sized backpack to school each day. On Fridays, we will send home any crafts students have created that week as well as any important notices you need.
- A mini cold-pack is a good idea for lunch boxes that contain perishable foods. Please do not send soda, candy, or highly sugary foods.
- Dress code for Pre-K is washable play clothes and closed-toed, rubber-soled shoes for safety. Shorts or tights must be worn under dresses/skirts.
- Please send a complete change of clothing, including underwear and socks, in a Zip-locked bag. Each item of clothing must be clearly labeled.
- Students need a smock for art class. An adult-sized T-shirt works best.
- As the weather grows colder, please know that the children will play outside (weather permitting) every day. Send all necessary outerwear labeled with your child's name. As winter approaches, please send your child to school with a pair of boots and snow pants that will remain in school throughout the winter months.
- Please address all notes from home to both teachers.
- We require a note from both families if your child is having a playdate with another child. We also need a note if there are any changes in transportation plans. Please pin the note to your child's backpack for easy access.



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- Please know that we will always return your phone calls or answer your emails as soon as possible. If your message is timely and you need a response before the end of the day, it is best to call Colleen Helsel, the Primary School receptionist, at 973-783-8805.
- We invite you to commemorate your child's birthday with a special snack. Students celebrate birthdays during class snack time, and you are welcome to attend! All birthday snacks must be reviewed by the nurse ahead of time so that we may consider any student allergies in the class; please email the school nurse at [ccarlson@mka.org](mailto:ccarlson@mka.org). Summer birthdays are typically celebrated in May and June.
- Class parents will be phoning you with information about PAMKA events and opportunities for volunteering at classroom events throughout the year.

We look forward to working with you and welcoming our new students!

~ The Pre-K team