



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

August 2018

Dear Second Grade Parents,

We hope you are enjoying the remaining days of summer break with your family! We look forward to working with you to form a strong parent-teacher partnership this year. As September approaches, it will help us a great deal if you would take a few moments to share information about your child before the school year begins. We would like to know the answers to the following questions:

1. How would you describe your child?
2. What are your child's strengths and interests?
3. What are your goals for your child this school year? (Please consider academic and social goals that we can focus on together.)

Teacher letters will arrive in the mail mid-August. After receiving a letter from your child's teacher, please email your response at your earliest convenience. Feel free to include any other information you feel is important for the teacher to know in advance.

The following list specifies some items your child will need this year. **Please label these items** with your child's first and last name so they can be easily identified.

- **Backpack** - We request that students use a backpack without wheels, as wheeled backpacks do not fit into the children's lockers.
- **Sneakers** - Students go outside for recess every day, weather permitting. Sneakers are also required for P.E. class and recommended for daily recess times.
- **Change of clothes** - Please send in an extra pair of labeled, Code of Attire clothes in a sealed plastic bag for your child to have handy in his/her locker. There are some days when students will get wet and/or gritty as they explore in the Outdoor Classroom.
- **Family photo** – Teachers will display each child's family photo in the classroom as part of our yearlong study of communities and as a way to share each student's identity.
- **Photo of your home & completed Architecture Study form** – These items will be used for an art class project later in the school year. Please help your child complete the Second Grade Architecture Study form from Ms. Fine and bring it in on the first day of school along with the exterior photograph of the front of your home. The form is available on our website at www.mka.org/back2school.

A note about birthday celebrations in second grade:

Birthdays are important milestones for young students. Our students celebrate their special days in second grade by enjoying a class rendition of the birthday song, sharing a food treat with classmates during lunch period, and then enjoying a brief birthday walk with a class helper to share any remaining food treats with faculty and staff. All birthday snacks must be approved by the school nurse, Candice Carlson, before sending to school. Please check with her regarding food sensitivities or other dietary needs of students in your child's class prior to sending birthday food treats. The nurse can be reached at ccarlson@mka.org.

We appreciate the time you are taking to help us get off to a great start, and we look forward to working with all of your children this year!

Sincerely,

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