



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

August 2018

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Welcome to the Primary School's kindergarten community! We are looking forward to sharing in your child's development during the exciting year that lies ahead.

We cannot wait to meet you and your child at a special orientation on Tuesday, September 4 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. We will share an activity, a snack, and a story. Our hope is that this opportunity will ease the transition from home to school. In order to ensure an optimal experience for your children, we request that siblings remain at home. All kindergarten parents are expected to stay with their child throughout the orientation.

Your child will need the following items for school this year. Bringing these items with you to orientation on Tuesday, September 4 would be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to provide these items by that date, we request they be brought to school no later than Friday, September 7. **IMPORTANT: please be sure that all medical information, including allergies, have been reported to the school nurse on the medical forms available on our website (<https://www.mka.org/parents/back2school>).**

1. **A COMPLETE CHANGE OF CLOTHING** (including socks and undergarments)
2. **A BACKPACK** (big enough for a large book and easy for your child to manage)
3. **A WATER BOTTLE** (stays in cubby)

PLEASE LABEL ALL PERSONAL CLOTHING AND ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. WE CANNOT STRESS HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS! CLOTHING AND OBJECTS THAT BECOME MISPLACED CAN BE EASILY RETURNED WHEN LABELED. If your child is still learning how to tie shoelaces, please send him/her to school in sneakers that have Velcro.

On the next page, you will find a questionnaire – please fill it out and return it by Friday, September 7 to help us best prepare to work with you and your child this year.

We will be holding a separate kindergarten orientation evening for parents on Thursday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. at MKA's Middle School, which is located at 201 Valley Road. Our building entry and parking lot are located just off Valley Road, on Brunswick Road. We will devote thirty minutes to questions pertaining to our FAQ sheet and approximately one hour to our presentation on the philosophy of our program.

In addition, please keep Thursday, September 20 open for Back to School Night at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

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Kindergarten Questionnaire

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Below, please let us know your preferred email addresses and cell phone numbers where you would like to receive kindergarten news:

Email address or addresses:

Parent's cell phone number(s):

Please help us learn more about your child's strengths and areas of growth by completing the form below.

Academic	Social
Strengths:	Strengths:
Areas for Growth:	Areas for Growth:

Additional Comments:
