



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

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Dear Second Grade Parents,

We are very happy to welcome your child to second grade! It is an exciting year of growth, and we are thrilled to be part of their journey at MKA. We are looking forward to working with you as well, and we are ready to form a strong parent-teacher partnership for a successful year.

As September approaches, we want to get to know your child before the start of the year. Later in the summer, after you have received information about your child's class assignment, please email your child's teacher a few thoughts on how you would describe your child. What are their hobbies and interests? How do you see them learning their best? The first few weeks of school will be filled with many more opportunities to continue these conversations as we get to know students better as people and learners.

We will be providing all necessary school supplies; however, the following list contains some items your child will need for their year. **Please label these items** with your child's name so they can be easily identified.

- **Backpack** - Students should plan on bringing a backpack to school. We ask that you do not send backpacks with wheels. Also, please note that students are not permitted to bring locker decorations to school.
- **Reusable water bottle** – This will be kept on your child's desk throughout the year and sent home to be washed every day. We ask that the bottle will sit securely on the student's desk and has a tight seal to avoid spills.
- **Code of Attire** - Second graders wear the MKA Primary School code of attire daily. Sneakers are required as part of the code of attire. To view the Primary School code of attire and the

Lands' End order form, please go to mka.org/parents/back2school, then see the Primary School section and click Forms and Info, All Grades.

- **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 the class. 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 as well as part of a way to share each student’s identity.

We appreciate the time you are taking to help us get off to a great start and look forward to working with all of your children this year! Enjoy these remaining days of summer with your family!

Sincerely,
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