

Dear New and Returning Plum Class Students and Families,

Welcome to the Plum Class! We look forward to school starting on Wednesday, August 9th. Our class starts promptly at 8:30am. Our Kindergarteners are dismissed at 2:00pm and our 1st Graders are dismissed at 3:00pm, except on Early Release days where we release at 1:00pm for everyone. It typically takes our students 5 minutes after their dismissal time to gather their things and be at the side gate for pick-up, so please plan accordingly.

K/1 Back to School Night Friday, August 4th from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Be sure to join us for our Back to School Night to get important information about our school year. We will share about the Montessori philosophy, our daily schedule and all the nuts and bolts that you need to know for a successful start to the school year. Hopefully, this will answer a lot of your burning questions.

Tuesday, August 8th - Open House!

Come meet your teachers, see your classroom, and drop off your school supplies. Kindergarten families and students please join us between 1:00 and 2:00pm. First grade families and students please join us between 2:00 and 3:00 pm.

Initial Parent Meetings

We will be having parent meetings on Early Release Days, August 9th -11th, from 1:20-4:00pm. Students will be dismissed at 1:20pm for Club M or pick-up at carline. Look for a sign-up opportunity on ParentSquare soon. This will be a perfect time to sit together and discuss any questions or desires you may have for the coming year.

Attached to this message you will also find the supply list for our classroom, a wish list and our classroom schedule.

We are so excited to see you soon. Until then, here is a little introduction to the Plum Teaching Team...

My name is Natasha Santos (Mrs. Natasha). I grew up in Placerville, and now currently live in Plymouth in Amador County. As a teenager I started teaching swimming lessons at the Placerville City Pool. It was there that I found I enjoyed teaching. Later after obtaining my degree and credential in Elementary Education, I came to observe a friend's classroom here at California Montessori Project and saw right away that Montessori education was my calling. I was asked to teach in the middle school here at CMP, I taught for 13 years in the middle school. When my oldest step-son was ready to come into the middle school, I made the transition to K/1 teaching. I worked with Eileen Perkins in Mimosa for two years and then I was asked to open the tiny classroom, Plum. I am excited to have my fourth year here in Plum class.

My name is Sammie Corral. I grew up in Placerville and now live in Folsom. My sister and I attended California Montessori Project from Kindergarten through eighth grade. Mrs. Natasha was my previous middle school teacher when I attended CMP. I am currently attending Folsom Lake College and working towards a Business Administration and an Administration of Justice degree. This is my second year as the Teaching Assistant in the Plum classroom with Mrs. Natasha. Working with the little ones on their reading, Montessori jobs and seeing their progress over the year will be wonderful and rewarding!

We are excited and looking forward to getting to know all of you. Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are excited to watch them learn and grow. We know we will all have a wonderful year together.

Sincerely,

Natasha Santos and Sammie Corral