

May 25, 2023

Dear New and Returning 1001 Families!

Next year will be my 27th year at Sands. I feel lucky to be here with such a rich history in Montessori and working with an amazing staff. Ms. Jill will be returning as our paraprofessional in the classroom. We are so lucky to have her!

Communication... is key!

I have had school-aged children and understand the importance for good communication between home and school. Email during the day and evening is best. I check email/phone around noon and then again after school. Any changes after 12:00 with departure for your child should go through the office. 363-5000. If you contact me for any reason and don't hear back in 24 hours **PLEASE** don't hesitate to reach out again. Sometimes emails get missed.

📧 Please return the **new student paper**. New parents need to email me at culyerm@cpsboe.k12.oh.us so I can get the new class email list started.

Supplies:

I have enclosed a supply list. We will use these supplies on the very first day of school. We have community supplies so leave names off of all items except the backpack and the composition notebooks. Please stick to the list. We do not have storage for extra items.

Parent Education Night:

This will be on **Wednesday, August 23rd 6:00-7:00**. I am hoping this time will allow more parents to be able to attend. I highly recommend first grade parents/new families attend. Returning families are welcome as well. You always add information to the conversation and can add in your personal experiences! This is the one time that I ask you to find child care. Things we will address at the evening parent meeting:

- Who am I? 📧
- How the classroom is set up and run
- Balancing Montessori and state/district requirements
- Plan for the year
- Field trips
- Contract/planner
- Homework
- Conferences
- Visiting the Classroom
- Holiday Celebrations/Birthday Celebrations
- Volunteer opportunities

Drop off Supplies Early/Find Your Cubbie/etc. Day:

Students can come on **Monday, August 14th 3:00-4:00** to bring in their supplies. I highly recommend this for students new to Room 1001. It can help with the first day jitters.

The Friday/Homework Folder:

I already have purchased these. They come home the last day of each week and are returned back to school on Thursdays.

Teachers' job: to put any items in them from the office/finished classwork/homework into the folder and take out any correspondence from home in a timely manner.

Child's job: to get the folder to and from school in their backpack.

Parent's job to go through the folder every week and clean out any extra items.

Attendance

It has been my experience that children who are absent for reasons other than sickness or a death in the family are often those children who struggle with school. Your child easily reads your attitude toward their education and will mimic those same attitudes toward their daily work! (See "**Too Sick for School?**" in this packet for more information.)

Snack

We will have a snack time during the morning work time. You will need to provide a snack for your child.

Summer Homework:

1. I send out postcards to all the students at least once during the summer. For summer homework I ask that everyone send in a regular sized postcard to the school letting us know what you are up to either out of town or around town. We collect them in our classroom postcard book. The larger postcards don't fit. These cards can also be handmade.

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2. Please remember to either read to your child or listen to them read as much as possible! The library is free! Keeping a journal is also a fun way to keep writing skills sharp!

We look forward to working together and watching your child learn and grow this coming school year! **New families:** Don't forget to send me an email so I can start next school year's email list!

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