

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Dater Montessori and the 2025-2026 school year! My name is Yaulonda Harris, and I am so honored to be your child's teacher this fall. Also I am grateful that my Instructional Paraprofessional, Mrs. Entesar Alshawesh will also be returning in the Fall. I would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family as you join Community 1122, and a heartfelt welcome back to our returning 4-year-old preschoolers and rising kindergarteners. Last school year was amazing, and I will truly miss my former students. However, I'm excited for a fresh start this Fall. I look forward to getting to know your family as we work together to ensure your child has an awesome school year.

Let me start by sharing a bit about myself. I'm married with three wonderful children. My youngest child graduated from Clark Montessori this year, and all of my children are proud former Dater Gators. Teaching is my passion, and it brings me immense joy. However, in my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, listening to music, exploring new foods, watching movies and reading a great book.

I received my undergraduate degree in telecommunications from Ohio University in 1992 and spent a few years in the corporate sector before discovering my true passion for teaching. I then earned a Master's in Education from Xavier University in 2006. My journey at Dater Montessori began as an Instructional Paraprofessional from 2008 to 2010. I then spent six years at Parker Woods Montessori, teaching both kindergarten and children aged 6 to 9. I was delighted to return to Dater Montessori in 2016, and I have just completed my ninth year as a 3 to 6 teacher.

Every year parents participate in a parent orientation meeting. It typically takes place a couple of days before the start of school in August. You will receive more information about this meeting as soon as our team decides on a date and time. **This meeting is for parents only.** I will discuss the Montessori philosophy, daily routines, expectations, and classroom workflow. There will also be time to answer any questions you may have to make sure your child has a successful start to the school year.

I am looking forward to another amazing school year and getting to know your child. My classroom is a nurturing, safe environment designed to encourage learning, exploration, and many wonderful experiences. You can support this process by reading to your child daily and exposing them to fun, meaningful educational experiences. I am eager to meet each of you and work together to ensure your child has every opportunity for success.

Parent participation is always welcome, and I will be in regular communication with you. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas throughout the school year, please feel free to contact me at 513-363-0971 or harrisy@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. Enclosed is a school supply list. Watch out for those great back-to-school sales as you shop.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Yaulonda M. Harris

Dater Montessori

Community 1122 (Mrs. Harris) School Supply List 2025-26

- 2 boxes of Crayola crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 8 glue sticks
- 3 boxes of Crayola colored pencils
- 2 packs of Crayola **thin** markers
- 1 pack of no. 2 **Ticonderoga pencils**
- 7 blue two-pocket folders with prongs (**kindergarten only**)
- 1 two-pocket folder with prongs (any color)
- 1 boxes of tissue
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 Primary Journal – K-2 Composition Notebook (**kindergarten only**)
- 1 set of headphones labeled with your child's name (**kindergarten only**)
- back-pack **labeled with your child's name**
- set of extra clothes **labeled with your child's name**

Last Names A-M

- 1- 6 pack of Ocelo sponges
- 1 pack of color copy paper

Last Names N-Z

- 1 pack of magic eraser sponges
- 1 pack of color card stock

Please **do not** label supplies. They are shared with the entire classroom community.

Thank you!