

May 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to room 1114 and the 2025-2026 school year at Dater Montessori. I am very excited about beginning the new school year.

I would like to introduce myself to the new families. My name is Megan Hodge and I have been teaching for 29 years- 26 years at Dater Montessori. I obtained my bachelor's degree in Montessori Education from Xavier University. I started working in a private Montessori school for the first three years of my teaching and that is where I got my foundation for Montessori. I have only been a 3-6 year old Montessori teacher, my whole teaching career. I could not imagine teaching anything else. I did go back to Xavier to get my master's degree in administration- so someday I might want to become a principal.

I live in Westwood with my husband Brent and my three children. My oldest- Owen attends Xavier University to be a Montessori teacher. He lives for soccer and Xavier basketball!! Agnes- my middle child- will be a senior at Mercy McCauley High school. She loves to play soccer but also plays the flute beautifully. Everett (Evi), my youngest, will be a 5th grader here at Dater. He loves to hang out in my classroom in the afternoon and is always willing to play pokeman. We added a grandson last year- you might find Tatum hanging with Mimi

My husband Brent is a visual designer and also has been seen here at Dater as a sub in many different classrooms. Dater Montessori is a big part of my family's life.

Also in my family I have three cats, two dogs, and a box turtle. I'm sure I'll have some other kind of animals soon. My children love different kind of animals. I have had a leopard gecko, rabbit and snake just to name a few.

We live in Westwood and I really enjoy living in the area that I teach in. If you see me around don't hide, I'm always happy to say hello!!! We go to Westwood town hall to play and find places to eat all around this community. Our favorite is Santorini.

The other teacher in our classroom is Miss Clarissa. She graduated from NKU in education and really enjoys being an assistant- one with the best and most creative ideas!! She is married to Tyler and when she is not at school she is making yummy cookies- check her out on Instagram at Clarrisabakesital1513. We have been teaching together for 7 years and we make a great team. This classroom is very lucky to have her and I'm lucky to also have her as a friend.

If you need to reach me before school starts here is my contact information:

hodgeme@cpsboe.k12.oh.us (this is my school e-mail) and my cell number is- 513-305-5664 (Just leave a message and I'll get back as soon as I can)

The 2025-2026 school year is guaranteed to be a fun, exciting, and a very successful year. I can't wait to begin exploring, learning and discovering with "our" children!!!

Welcome to Room 1114 and Dater Montessori

Sincerely,

Megan Hodge and Clarissa Brucato

School Supply List for Room 1114
Mrs. Hodge's Class

pack of Crayola thin washable markers
pack of Crayola thick washable markers
3 packs of 24 Crayola washable crayons
Clorox spray
10 pack of elmer glue sticks
pack of tissue
roll of paper towel
Small ziplock baggies
Big ziplock baggies
Package of white construction paper
Pack of pencils

I also have an amazon wish list if you would like to buy something off of it- It would be greatly appreciated.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35NAN99WMXGOX?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_jMlyAQYFTWaV6

PLEASE PUT NAMES ON THE FOLLOWING:

Backpack that fits a regular size folder

Change of clothes for the season with socks and underwear in a ziplock bag labeled (we will try and change this seasonally)