

August, 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year at Dater Montessori! My name is Tracey Peters and I am your student's homeroom, Math and Social Studies teacher. The 2025-26 school year will be my 25th year at Dater Montessori. I live outside of Brookville, Indiana with my multigenerational family, 2 dogs, 7 cats, and 23 chickens. Yes, I love Dater Montessori so much that I drive 40 miles to and from school every day! When I'm not in school I love camping, boating and kayaking with my family, gardening, canning, taking care of my chickens, and spending lots of time with my grandchildren.

Ms. Christine McDonald is our kind and energetic paraprofessional. This will be her ninth year at Dater. Ms. Christine loves music! She has been a musician since she was 4 years old, starting with singing and then playing the cello. Ms. Christine likes to not only perform for others, but write music as well. She hopes to own her own recording studio someday. In her spare time she loves to read for pleasure and knowledge. As a kid she did not always like to read, but she thoroughly enjoys it now!

I will be team teaching with Ms. Emily Dennis. The students will have Math or Social Studies lessons every day with me, and Language Arts or Science lessons with Ms. Emily each day. This structure will maximize a focused academic approach to the standards with the support of Montessori materials while maintaining the integrity of the Montessori belief of establishing an organized, peaceful, and well-managed classroom.

Ms. Emily has two children, Lucy and Parker. Lucy will be a 4th grader and Parker will be a 7th grader! She graduated from UC's DAAP program with her undergraduate degree in Design and from XU with her Master's in Montessori Education. Ms. Emily has earned her TESOL certification and serves as a 6-9 Team Leader. She also teaches graduate students in the Xavier University Montessori Program. When Ms. Emily is not teaching, she loves being outside--watching the birds, working in her garden and swimming.

Ms. Angie, Ms. Emily's awesome para, is the mom of two boys, one just graduated from Kentucky State University and the other has graduated college and is a published author! Check out his inspirational books, One Face One Race and Complexions, by Vincent Edwards. When not in school, you may see Ms. Angie on one of her daily walks around College Hill.

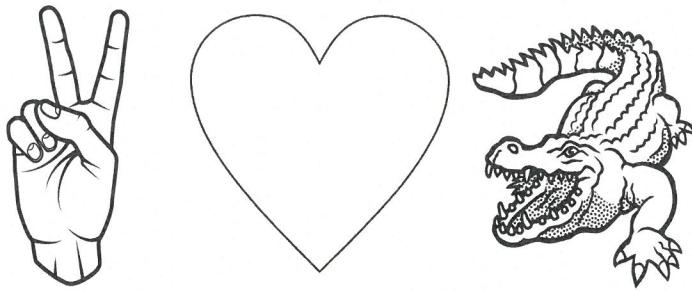
Included you will find a list of classroom supplies needed for next year. Please bring all supplies by the end of the first week. If you would like to purchase a resource to help your student prepare for the next grade, the Summer Bridge Book is a great resource to practice those necessary skills.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me in the classroom at 363-0934 or petertr@cpsboe.k12.oh.us, or Ms. Emily at 363-0938 or dennise@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

We are looking forward to partnering with you this school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Tracey



A Little About Ms.Tracey

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If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out:

Emily Dennis: dennise@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

Tracey Peters: petertr@cpsboe.k12.oh.us

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. Have a wonderful summer!!!



Peace,
Ms. Tracey, Ms. Christine,
Ms.Emily and Ms. Angie



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2025-2026 Student Supply List
Tracey Peters, 6-9, Room 1323

Personal Supply Box- Please prepare ahead of time and label with your student's name. You will need a supply box big enough to fit the following supplies:

- 1 pack of #2 writing pencils
- 2 pink bar erasers
- 2 black dry erase markers
- 1 sock (this will be your marker eraser- can be an old mismatched sock)
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 2 glue sticks

Personal Supplies

- Headphones in a Ziploc bag (labeled with your student's name)
- Water bottle
- Simple soled house slippers- low distraction (optional)

Community Supplies- These supplies will be shared in order to build cooperation and foster the Montessori Philosophy.

- 1 black wide ruled composition notebook (2nd and 3rd graders only)
- 3 boxes of tissues
- 2 cans of disinfectant wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 pack of index cards

Wish List for the Classroom-(optional)

- A ream or pack of ***pastel*** pink, blue, or green copy paper
- White cardstock
- Extra black dry erase markers
- Extra glue sticks
- Masking/painter's tape
- Hand sanitizer
- Foaming hand soap refill bottle
- Indoor plants that do not need much sunlight

Thank you for your contribution! Supplies should be brought to the classroom the first week of school in August. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 363-0934 or petertr@cpsboe.k12.oh.us