



May 14, 2026

Dear Dater Montessori Family,

Welcome to the 2026/27 school year! My name is Ms. Brater and I will be the ELA/Social Studies teacher on our team and Mr. Graves will be the Math/Science teacher. I am so excited about our new team and to begin another journey of growth, exploration, and discovery in our community.

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I have taught elementary and high school at Cincinnati Public Schools for more than 16 years and earned two undergraduate degrees from the University of Cincinnati and my graduate degree from Miami University (Oxford). I enjoy rooting for our hometown teams, reading, traveling, and spending time with my family and friends. I've always enjoyed learning about literature, cultures, histories, and about how things work.

This year, our ELA and cultural studies will take us on exciting adventures through reading, writing, and social studies. Our classroom will focus on building a community of passionate readers and writers. In social studies, we'll investigate and learn about geography, history, economics and cultures. Through the use of Montessori methods, research, hands-on projects, and group discussions, we'll connect ideas across subjects and discover how everything in the universe is interrelated—just like Maria Montessori envisioned!

As a 9-12 community, we will be working independently and in groups, setting goals, tracking our progress, and learning to become even more confident and curious learners.

To help you get ready, please see the supply list below. These items will help you stay organized and prepared for all the exciting work ahead. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and comes back ready for success in August, 2026!

Thank you,

Ms. Brater

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Ms. Brater's ELA/Social Studies Supply List

ELA/Social Individual Supplies:

- ☐ 4 Composition Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Plastic Folders With Pockets and Prongs
 - ☐ 1 Red Folder for ELA
 - ☐ 1 Blue Folder for Social Studies

ELA/Social Studies Community Supplies: The student's teacher will collect and use the supplies throughout the year. Supplies will be kept safe, organized and put away until used in class. Thank you for contributing supplies to keep our community clean, healthy, and stocked to aid in student learning! Thank you so much.

Learning Supplies:

- ☐ 2 Packs of Pre-Sharpened Pencils (Ticonderoga works best.)
- ☐ 2 Packs Loose-Leaf Paper
- ☐ 1 Pack Notecards
- ☐ 1 Pack Post-Its/Sticky Notes
- ☐ 1 Pack Dry-Erase Markers
- ☐ 1 Pack Colored Pencils
- ☐ 3 Glue Sticks

Sanitation Supplies:

- ☐ 2 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ Sandwich bags (Used for sanitation and learning organization)
- ☐ 2 Containers of Antibacterial Wipes (Clorox, etc)
- ☐ Band-Aids
- ☐ Paper Towels

Personal Supplies (Items used daily in each class):

- ☐ Combination Lock
- ☐ Backpack (to transport items to and from school)
- ☐ Wired Head Phones (Recommended)
- ☐ Optional: Some students find noise cancelling headphones helpful.
- ☐ **Pencil Case** (travels with student to each class)
- ☐ **Items Inside Pencil Case:**
 - ☐ 1 Pack Pencils
 - ☐ 1 Eraser
 - ☐ 1 Pack Color Pencils
 - ☐ 1 Glue Stick
 - ☐ 1 Pair Scissors
 - ☐ 1 Dry-Erase Marker
 - ☐ 1 Highlighter