

Dear Elementary II Children & Parents,

We hope you are having a wonderful summer with your families. The long, restful break helps us all re-energize for the upcoming school year.

Please make sure you see the attached sheet entitled **Summer Reading Assignment**. In addition, please see the attached letter for optional **Summer Math Practice**. We look forward to seeing all of you on the first day of school on Monday, August 20, 2018.

### **Elementary-II 2018 - 2019 Supply List**

One of the big changes from Elementary I to Elementary II is to be responsible for your own personal supplies. Please bring the following items the first day of school. If you have any difficulty finding anything please feel free to email or call and ask about them. All of these items can be found at Office Supply stores. Supplies can also be purchased on Amazon by following this link:

<https://www.amazon.com/ideas/amzn1.account.AFKRX3GQQLZBXA4NWEOWOXAYWCEA/1O1SSREL92VF>

(Does not include back pack.)

### SUPPLIES LIST:

\*Pencils-No mechanical pencils, please! Regular yellow wooden pencils are the best! Have several on hand for school. Keep a supply of pencils at home for your child to bring in when needed.

\*Erasers-standard school pink erasers

\*3 black inking pens (Ultra Fine Sanford)

\*2 marbled composition books- wide rule (These books have a sewn binding and a marbled cardboard cover.)

\***Berol Prismacolor Scholar** soft colored pencils- 2 sets of 12. **BEST TO PURCHASE THESE ONLINE THROUGH AMAZON.** Please do **NOT** get the hard Verithin version (These pencils are expensive, however, they are important for the production of quality products.)

\*1-2 GB Flash Drive or larger

\*Pencil box (The boxes without dividers work best because a variety of loose items will fit in them better. We prefer boxes that do not lock)

\*Manual pencil sharpener (2)

\*Glue sticks (6)

\*Scissors

\*ear buds with case

1 back pack ( no rollers please- must hang on the back of the chair)

**Please make sure your child has all his or her supplies for the first week of school.** Please do **not** purchase the large zippered notebooks. They're awkward

for the children to use. Each student should have a backpack for carrying homework, reading books, and other items back and forth from school.

Lunches can be purchased through our hot lunch program, or they can be packed in a lunch box. Please write your child's name on his/her lunchbox. More information on the hot lunch program will be available after school starts. Make sure your child brings a packed lunch for all school days in August.

### **E-2 Book Fee:**

The Elementary II class will be charging a book fee in the amount of \$300.00 per student. Please make checks payable to Center Montessori and deliver them to the main office. This will cover the cost of the following books for the school year 2018-2019:

4-6 Key Curriculum math books	Math computation books	Reading Comprehension
Sadlier–Oxford	Math Detectives	Narrative writing book
Vocabulary book	Math journal	Classroom copies
Cursive Practice book	Edit booklet	Project paper
Fraction books	Grammar book	Innovation Day Supplies
	Symbolizing book	Special Projects

### **-Literary Circles**

Children will be participating in in-class literary circles throughout the school year. We will let you know the fourth and fifth grade book choices prior to the beginning of the circle sessions. There will be a **\$16 fee** for the books collected in August.

### **-Homework:**

As Montessorians we work to keep homework at a minimum, however homework is a bigger commitment in the Elementary II Class. Its purpose is to help your child become more responsible for independent work and to begin to develop good study habits. We believe homework should be done independently with a minimum of help from parents. However parents should quiz for vocabulary tests and do a final edit for all writing assignments. Below is a preview of your child's upcoming homework assignments.

### **-Math**

Adjusted individually for each child. Each child should regularly practice math multiplication facts at home until they are mastered.

### **-Vocabulary**

Vocabulary homework, done every week, includes choosing an online activity(printing ) and writing sentences and parts of speech for each of the 12 vocabulary words. The children are also expected to study the words for the Friday test. Vocabulary workbooks are done in class.

Below are a few study tips for vocabulary:

- Set up a specific time to study for your tests.
- Begin your review early. Don't wait until the night before the test to study.
- Go over the material on which you will be tested. Make a list of confusing words, and put more effort into learning them.
- Test yourself. Recite the material out loud whenever possible.
- Explain the words to someone else.
- Go to book's website ([vocabularyworkshop.com](http://vocabularyworkshop.com)) and complete vocabulary games and the practice tests.
- Go over the material at least once on the day before the test.

### **-Reading:**

Students are encouraged to read for 30-60 minutes each day at home. The books they are reading at home can be for an in-class literary circle assignment, book report homework assignment, or an **at home** (AH) book.

### **-Book reports**

There will be a number of different book reports for the students to complete at home throughout the year. These report instructions will appear on our website under the E2 classroom page. The assignments will be announced in the E2 News.

### **-AH Books (At Home Reading Books)**

At home reading books will be chosen at school and read during silent reading and at home. Each week students will take time to reflect on their AH book reading. Please make sure all reading books stay in the back pack.

### **-Spanish:**

We will continue to include a separate Spanish class as part of our fourth and fifth grade curriculum. The Spanish program this school year is 30 – 45 minutes three days a week.

### **-Incomplete weekly work**

Weekly work is expected to be completed by Friday. Please note the expectations for each child varies. Unfinished work can be completed as a weekend homework assignment. This will need support from parents. If work is not completed by the following Monday, we will contact you to discuss a strategy. Please ask your child for his or her completed workplan (blue sheet) each Friday. Please email us if you have any questions about unfinished work.

### **-Tutorial**

Students may be invited to attend tutorial. Tutorial is provided free of charge and is held from 3:10 until 4:10pm most Tuesdays after school. Tutorial is by invitation and is thematic. For example, we may focus on math one week and on geography another week.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**E2 Classroom Preparation Day - August 8th 9:00- 12:00 ( Parents, Teachers, Students) -**

**E2 Parent Orientation Evening - August 15th 6:00 PM 7:00PM**

**There will be a mandatory parent orientation meeting before school starts on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 6pm – 7pm. This is a time to go over the policies and procedures of the classroom environment as well as answer any questions you may have. Subjects such as homework, blue sheets, snow cones, field trips, work plans, key books, reading assignments and more will be covered. Childcare will be provided.**

Please feel free to email us during the summer should you have any questions or comments: [jcobb@centermontessori.org](mailto:jcobb@centermontessori.org) [srouwhorst@centermontessori.org](mailto:srouwhorst@centermontessori.org) . I hope you have a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 as well as the Ice Cream Social.

Sincerely,

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