Dear Primary Parents,

The first week of school is behind us and we are off to a great start! Here are some of our observations...

- Returning students reconnecting with friends within their Montessori environment.
- New students observing their experienced classmates pick up where they left off last year in many areas of the Montessori curriculum.
- New students asking, with increased confidence, for lessons that entice and engage their interest.
- A gradual settling in as our students finds comfort in the consistency of each day.

You will receive a Friday Folder email each week which will include a weekly joint article from the primary teachers called “Primary Press.” This communication will include themes and group lessons your child has been participating in and is an important communication tool between you and the school. If you do not receive a Friday Folder email with attachment, please communicate with Sierra in the office.

A note will also be included in your child’s work sent home in an envelope every Friday. This communication contains information that is designed to apprise you of your child’s interest and progress at school. It also serves to help you get beyond the “What did you do at school today?” question that parent fall into and will help you have a more productive dialogue with your child about his or her school day.

A few reminders for those of you who are new to the Primary Classroom Environment:

- Sneakers or other rubber-soled, close-toed shoes are essential for the playground.
- Please label your child’s belongings (lunchbox, ice pack, placemat, change of clothes, etc.).
- Drop off starts at 8:20 a.m. and school begins at 8:30 a.m. The driveway is open until 8:45am for drop off. We would like to thank you all for following this procedure; it has helped the children with separation and made this transition (home/school) much easier.
- Pick up time for the children who stay half-day is between 12:20p.m. and 12:30p.m. from the classrooms. We would appreciate it if you would let us know if you will be coming late for pick up.
- Pick up time for all-day students are between 2:50p.m. and 3:00p.m. If you are not in the driveway by 3:00p.m., your child will join the aftercare group where s/he will stay with the aftercare staff members. Note that you will be charged for the time your child is in aftercare.
- It is important that you write the name of the person permitted to pick your child up on the days you are not going to be able to do so (even if that person’s name is on his/her pick up authorization) and send the note with your child. Please refer to our school’s “Parent Guide Book” on our school website for more details.
- We encourage you to bring hats and apply sunscreen on your child every morning.
- No toys are to be brought to school, unless appropriate for your child’s Sharing Day turn. Books from home addressing topics studied in class are always welcome!
- Snack is available to the children every day so they can help themselves when they feel hungry. Families are invited to bring snack for the entire class on a weekly basis. Our snack menu includes fresh fruits and vegetables and minimally processed peanuts free/nuts free-labeled items only. Please talk to your child’s teacher for your snack delivery week.
- On the occasion that we celebrate your child’s birthday in class, please be notified that only NON-EDIBLE treats are to be distributed to his/her classmates (e.g.; bubbles, pencils, erasers, stickers etc.).
- Our school is a NUT FREE zone; please pay close attention to the labels when you are packing processed foods in your child’s lunch.
- Please contact us when your child needs extra attention, or if you feel your child has a problem at school. We will make every effort in assisting him/ her and easing his/her anxieties. We will be happy to give you a call during the work week when needed; we are usually available before 8:20am and after 3:00pm to answer your non-urgent calls.
- In your child’s envelope, you will find a Parent Volunteer signup sheet for you to fill out and return. Please let us know if you have any questions.

To reach us by phone, dial the school’s number: 753-4987 and the office person will take your message or transfer your call to us. Our e-mails are:

Primary 1 - Saleha shafiz@centermontessori.org
Primary 2 – Crystal cgulakins@centermontessori.org
Primary 3 – Betty bcamacho@centermontessori.org

Thank you for your support! We look forward to a happy school year!

Respectfully,

Betty, Crystal and Saleha
Primary 1

Bradley enjoying our play ground equipment

Amelia eating a snack

Emmit meeting our classroom pets

Dina working the color tablets

THANK YOU: RIVERS FAMILY FOR OFFERING A NUTRITIOUS SNACK THIS WEEK!
Primary 2

Ethan enjoying one of his favorite lesson!

Maddison working with the binomial cube.

Gavin and Colton playing the mystery game

Skylar enjoying the swing
Isabella T. is serving her snack. This activity promotes independence, concentration and allows the practice of fine motor skills.

Aurora P. working on a push activity that allows her to practice fine motor skills.

Jayden is practicing his reading skills using the Words In Color movable alphabet.

Lola is working on lacing shapes and building concentration and independence.