

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you and your child to Creative Montessori Academy and especially to room 111. It is our objective to make this school year an exciting and enriching learning experience for your child. We feel it is important that you are informed and involved in what your child is learning, therefore, I am providing you with a brief curriculum for the year.

**Geography:** Emphasis:

Earth and its parts: interior, exterior, atmosphere, land and water forms  
Mapping and graphing: maps of simple layouts, graphs to record data  
Solar System, mountains, erosion

**History:** Emphasis:

Exercises to develop the concept of time, time lines, calendar activities, Needs of People, Clock of Eras

**Biology:** Emphasis:

Classification exercises, organic, inorganic, plant, animal, mineral  
Botany: parts of the tree, roots, flowers, leaf, seed dispersion  
Zoology: external and internal parts of animals, vertebrates and invertebrates

**Math and Language:** Math and language experiences will vary for each child depending on interest and readiness level.

**Homework:** Daily homework assignments will be given and all children are expected to turn in every homework assignment on time, complete, correct and neat. It is important that you help your child manage his/her time to complete the work. Provide a quiet place and the necessary materials to complete the work. Homework helps your child gain responsibility, develop time management skills and it reinforces classroom learning. Your child will write each night's homework in their planner that they will be given. Please look over the planner every night to ensure that your child is doing all of their homework and sign it every night so that I know you have looked at it.

**Discipline:** Every child deserves the right to be safe, respected and to learn. Our classroom and school rules have been developed to help ensure these rights. No student will be allowed to prevent the learning of others or to negatively affect another's self-esteem. We hold to a zero tolerance rule concerning physical aggression. Please review the school rules, in the student handbook, with your child.

**Independence:** The best gift you and we can give your child is the ability to function independently. Independence is a strength that we must help your child develop. Please remember that your child is growing up and that is exactly what is supposed to happen. To encourage this growth, do not carry your child or his/her belongings down the hall, please leave your child at the door and allow him/her to enter the room, meet his/her friends and prepare for the day. Help your child grow up, to become a strong, independent individual.

**Supplies:** I have attached a supply list. **Please make sure that your child has all of the necessary supplies the first day of class. Do not write your child's name on the supplies. Many of the supplies will be used community style.**

**Morning Snack:** The children will have a healthy snack every morning. I am attaching a list of acceptable snacks. Each student is responsible for bringing his/her own snack. Please send in proper silverware if the snack requires it, for example a spoon for applesauce. We do not have silverware available. The children may bring in a water bottle for snack, no juice is allowed.

**School Hours:** Class begins at 7:50 a.m. Please make sure that your child arrives in class on time. When they are late, they will miss instructions and they also feel embarrassed to walk in late. I will open the door at 3:05 p.m. for dismissal. All children remaining in the classroom at 3:15 p.m. will be taken to the day care area. If your child will be late or will be leaving early for an appointment, please send in a note. If your child will be absent, please call the classroom at (734) 284-5600 ext. 111 to leave a message. The children will not be released to anyone that we don't know or who is not on the emergency card. Should you need to call during the day, please leave a message and we will return your call when we are available. Darlene and I are very excited for the upcoming school year and are so glad that you will be joining our classroom this year.

Thank you,

Lisa Loger and Darlene Ficek

# Room 111 Supply List

Please provide the following supplies for your child on the first day of school. Children find it very exciting to shop for school supplies, make this a fun family event. Explain to your child that school is his/her work and the supplies are the tools needed for this job. **Please do not put your child's name on any of the supplies. Some of the supplies will be combined in community containers.** Ink pens and mechanical pencils are not used in lower elementary. Your child will bring home all his/her work in a plastic or vinyl folder. (see below)

## **Please provide the following supplies:**

2 box of colored pencils (sharpened)	2 notebooks (1 red, 1 green)
2 (24) box yellow	1 vinyl or plastic coated folder for homework and mail
2 #2 pencils (sharpened)	24 box of crayons
Pack of 4 glue sticks (no liquid glue)	1 boxes of tissues
6 plastic pocket folders with paper fastener (2 red, 2 blue, and 2 green)	1 canister of disinfecting wipes
2 rolls of paper towels	2 pack of erasers

1 vinyl, 1 inch, 3 ring binder (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> bring only if they want a new one, 1<sup>st</sup> must bring one)  
1 bottle hand sanitizer

This supply list will also be available on the website.

Thank you,

Mrs. Loger and Ms. Darlene  
Room 111  
Creative Montessori Academy  
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## **Acceptable Nutritional Snacks**

Muffins	Popcorn
Jerky Sticks	Rice Cakes
Wheat Thins	<u>Healthy</u> breakfast cereal veggies
Yogurt	Fruit Cheez Its
Animal crackers	Goldfish
Cheese	Chex Mix
Dried fruit pretzels/bread	Applesauce
Raisins cereal bars granola	Crackers

NO JUNK FOOD SNACKS (NO CHIPS OF ANY KIND, COOKIES CAKES, CANDY, ETC!!!) PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A HEALTHY SNACK. IF YOUR CHILD BRINGS A SNACK THAT IS UNHEALTHY HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE SNACK. IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS A SPOON OR FORK PLEASE SUPPLY THEM WITH ONE. WE DO NOT HAVE THEM IN CLASS TO SUPPLY. THEY MAY ONLY HAVE WATER FOR SNACK.