

Dear CMA families,

Welcome to Room 107! We are excited to get started with the new school year. It is our classroom objective to provide a peaceful and safe learning environment for your child. We look forward to seeing our returning students and our new additions to the classroom.

First day of school will be September 7th

Coming to school prepared:

- ✓ Dress Code- Please review the student handbook, and the attached sheet, if you are unsure of the proper dress attire. The dress code will be strictly enforced. Students may be sent home if they are not in uniform.
- ✓ Water Bottle- Each child is asked to bring in a water bottle to drink from each day. This greatly reduces trips to the drinking fountain.
- ✓ Snack-The children will have a morning snack at 10:00am. Each student is responsible for bringing his/her own snack, drink, plastic utensils, and napkin. Please be sure to provide a non-sugary, nutritious snack (see attached sheet for snack ideas. It is a long morning until lunchtime; please don't forget your child's snack.

School Hours:

- ✓ Arrival -The classroom doors will be opened at 7:40 a.m. Class begins at 7:50 this year. Students will be marked tardy at 7:51 a.m. This will teach your child to be punctual and responsible. It is important to teach them this quality at a young age. If your child will be late or absent, please call the classroom before 7:40am at 734-284-5600, ext. 107, to leave a message.
- ✓ Dismissal -The door will be opened at 3:05 p.m. for dismissal. All children remaining in the classroom at 3:15 will be taken to the latchkey. The children will not be released to anyone that we do not know or who is not on the emergency card.

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

Birthdays:

- ✓ We will celebrate in the classroom. Please provide a "neat snack", drinks and paper products for 30.
- ✓ Please do not send party invitations unless you are inviting the entire class. When some children are invited and others are not, feelings are hurt.
- ✓ We will have an end of year party to celebrate summer birthdays.

Homework:

- ✓ Homework helps your child gain responsibility, develop time management skills and it reinforces classroom learning.
- ✓ All children are expected to turn in all homework assignments on time, complete, neat, corrected, and signed by a parent. After reviewing the work with your child, please sign every assignment so that I know you find the work acceptable. Do not sign incomplete or messy work; your child will believe that it is acceptable. Have him/her redo the work if it is not his/her best.
- ✓ It is important that we have the same expectations for this and every classroom procedure. The students need to see us as a team, working together for their best interests.
- ✓ Weekly homework assignments will include Spelling and Reading Comprehension, along with 20 minutes of reading per night (excluding weekends). All homework will be sent home on Fridays in the green homework folder and returned on the next Friday morning. The first weekly homework assignment will be turned in on September 19th.
- ✓ Rewards and consequences- We have a weekly reward system for students who turn in their homework folder each Friday. Only if completed, signed by a parent, with the child's name on the top right corner of each paper, and turned in on time, your child will be given a star to place on our homework chart. Every 4 weeks we will have a fun Friday, with a special twist, for those who turned in their work for all 4 weeks. If one week is missed, they will not participate. If there is any missing homework or class work, the student will not have recess until it is turned in, signed and complete. Remember, this is not my choice, it is a choice made by the student. They know the consequences.

Daily Class Work:

On occasion your child may have to bring home class work that has not been completed in the classroom. We strive to make sure that each child completes work in school. However, there are times that your child may have work to bring home, depending on whether or not they work diligently in the classroom. This work is then due the following school day. All work taken home must be completed, checked and signed by a parent.

Spelling Guidelines and Homework:

Spelling tests will be given on Friday. It is a one shot deal. They have a whole week to prepare. There are no make up tests, unless a student is absent. For absent students, tests will be made up the next school day.

Spelling Assignments:

All spelling assignments will be completed in the composition book that is placed in the green homework folder.

➤ 1st Grade Spelling Assignment – (complete in composition book)

Monday: Write the words 5 times, vowels red and consonants blue
Tuesday: Spelling Worksheet and Reading Comprehension page
Wednesday: Write the words and sentences 3 times in 3 colors
Thursday: Study spelling words with a parent

➤ 2nd-3rd Grade Spelling Assignment – (complete in composition book)

Monday: Write each word and sentence 5 times
Tuesday: Spelling Worksheet and Reading Comprehension page
Wednesday: Look in the dictionary and write the definition for each word
Thursday: Use and write each word in a sentence, and study spelling words with a parent

➤ Reading Comprehension Page

➤ Reading Log Assignment – Each weeknight your child needs to read for at least 20 minutes. It then needs to be recorded on their reading log sheet. All grades will have a monthly reading log sheet that needs to be filled out each night. These sheets should be turned in with their weekly homework folder on Fridays.

Projects: This year your child will have the opportunity to complete several different types of projects. All projects assigned are mandatory in order to move on to the next grade. If a student is absent, the parent must drop it off on the due date, or before the due date, in order to get credit. If the project is not brought in on the due date, the grade will be an incomplete, Zero. Details about each of the projects will be sent home prior to the due date. Remember: *This is your child's project, it needs to be their work*

Independence: The best gift you and I can give your child is the ability to function independently. Independence is such a strength. 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's belongings down the hall. Please leave your child at the door and allow him to enter the room, meet his/her friends and prepare for the day. Help your child grow up and become a strong, independent individual.

Mrs. Goroni and I are so excited that you will be part of room 107 this year. We are a family and we can't wait to meet our new family members. Please share with us any concerns or information you have about your child. By working together, we will make this an unforgettable learning experience and discovery!

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Goroni

Dear CMA families,

It is almost time for the 2009-2010 school year at Creative Montessori Academy. How exciting! The children are growing up so fast. First off, I would like to welcome our new students, and our returning students, to room 107. We are about to embark on a new adventure together. I can't wait for all of the exciting and new things this year will hold!

Here is your list of supplies needed for the school year. Please bring them on the first day of school.

- ✓ 48 #2 sharpened pencils
- ✓ 4 Packages of pencil-top erasers or hand-held
- ✓ 2 Boxes of crayons (one for home)
- ✓ Box of markers
- ✓ Box of colored pencils
- ✓ 8 glue sticks
- ✓ 1 pair of child size scissors
- ✓ 1 ruler
- ✓ 1pkg of each: Black, Red, and Blue ball point pens
- ✓ 1 plastic or laminated fun looking folder for every day work (No Binders Nor Trapper Keepers)
- ✓ 1 of each color red, yellow, blue, orange, purple, and green Plastic Duo Tang Folders (with the three prongs)
- ✓ 2 composition notebooks (black and white mead preferred, no spiral)
- ✓ 1 package of loose-leaf paper (regular rule)
- ✓ 1 package of copying paper
- ✓ 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- ✓ 3 boxes of Kleenex
- ✓ 3 rolls of paper towels
- ✓ 3 containers of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- ✓ \$5.00 cash in an envelope for "Time for Kids" magazine with child's name on front

Please buy only the supplies on this list. They are the only supplies that will be accepted. Any other supplies will be returned home. Thank you!

You may also receive a supply list for Art and Spanish class once the school year has begun. Please keep these in separate bags and turn art supplies in to Mrs. Davis.

Thank you!

Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Goroni

Classroom Daily Schedule:

7:50 am – 8:30 am	Journal/D.E.A.R/D.O.L.
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Circle/Calendar/Morning Message
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Writer's Workshop/Reading Groups
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Snack/Story
10:15 am – 11:00 am	Language Arts/Reading Groups
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Math
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Recess
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Reading Buddies/Catch up time
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Science/Social Studies lesson
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Handwriting
2:30 pm – 2:55 pm	Classroom jobs and prepare to go home
2:55pm - 3:05pm	Story/Game
3:05 pm	Dismissal

Weekly HEAD Schedule:

Monday	10:15 am – 11:00 am Library If your child brings home a library book it must be brought back to school on Monday so that they can return it or recheck it out. If you do not bring back the book they will not be allowed to check out another book until the previous book is returned.)
Tuesday	1:15 pm – 2:00 pm Computers (2 nd and 3 rd grade only)
Wednesday	8:05 am – 8:35 am Music 8:35 am – 9:05 am Gym
Thursday	10:05am – 11:00 am Spanish 11:00 am – 11:05 am Art
Friday	11:05 am – 11:35 am Music 11:35 am – 12:00 pm Gym

Please make sure on Wednesdays and Fridays your child has on shoes that are safe and appropriate for Gym class.

PARENT REMINDER:

ALL WORK DURING THE DAY, NOT COMPLETED OR INCORRECT, WILL BE STAMPED "HOMEWORK."

YOUR CHILD MUST CORRECT, COMPLETE, AND TURN IN THE WORK THE NEXT DAY.

EACH PAGE MUST BE CORRECTED BY YOU, WITH A SIGNATURE ON IT.