

MONTESSORI RADMOOR SCHOOL
2745 East Mount Hope
Okemos, MI 48864

August, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our classroom. **Tuesday, September 7th** will be the first day back for returning students. Thank you for cooperation during phase-in as it is instrumental for a smooth transition into the beginning of the school year.

As in the past, children who go home for lunch will be dismissed at noon and extended day children will be dismissed at 1:30 to home or to child care. Returning children who go to child care during the afternoon will join the extended day children for lunch in the classroom and then go to nap or to play in the child care room. The hot lunch program begins **September 7th**. Please help your child bring their lunch box along with their backpack to the classroom beginning on Tuesday; outdoor clothing still gets hung up in the locker. If your child is enrolled in child care, please refer to the child care phase-in enclosure for child care phase-in. Listed below are a few items to bring to school on the first day.

- a) A current, wallet-size photo of your child to identify his/her cubby.
- b) A ziploc bag containing an extra set of clothing (underwear, socks, shorts or pants, and a shirt). Please label the bag and clothing items to help identify your child's belongings. This bag will remain at school for emergencies. Also, please send a pair of soft soled slippers to wear inside the classroom. These will be left in the classroom at the end of the day.
- c) A separate bag or backpack to carry important work and notices home. The bag or backpack should come to school every day.
- d) A \$20.00 activity fee to help cover the costs of various supplies such as food preparation activities and craft materials. Please send cash or write activity fee checks to Montessori Radmoor School.

Please reserve: **Monday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m.** for a very special meeting with Dr. Steven Hughes at **Edgewood United Church**. It will be a wonderful evening you don't want to miss.

Also, Thursday evening, **September 9th at 7:00 p.m.**, for Parent Information Night.

You may find that your child may experience some difficulty with separation as your child returns to school. Please remember that tears are common at the beginning of school and that the assistants and I are prepared to comfort your child. As you arrive at school, pay close attention to your facial expressions since your child needs to know that you are confident that school is a safe and secure place. Assurance of your return, a warm hug and a swift exit usually work the best. Short good-byes with tears are easier for the child than long good-byes with tears.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

Sincerely,

Julie Cavanaugh
P1 Teacher