

MONTESSORI RADMOOR SCHOOL
2745 East Mount Hope
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August, 2010

Dear Elementary Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer with family and friends. Before the months slip away, I wanted to pass along a few details for your family to start thinking about for our upcoming school year. We have a very busy and exciting year in store for us!

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Priya Bhojak. This is my first year as a teacher at Montessori Radmoor School in Elementary 1 (E1). I received my AMI diploma from the Montessori Institute of Milwaukee this year. I'm happy to have the opportunity to teach your children. I realize that teaching your children is a privilege, as well as a tremendous responsibility. I will do my best this year to ensure that each student has a motivating and safe learning experience in the classroom. However, I cannot do this alone, and I look forward to your assistance. We are partners in the learning process. I know with your help, we are going to have a great year!

First Day of School

The first day of school is Monday, August 30th. This half-day, dismissal at 12:00, will be for all students. We will commence to full days Tuesday through Thursday and will have Friday and Monday off for the Labor Day weekend.

Snack

Once again, E1 and E2 will team up to integrate classroom snack into a going-out and beginning bookkeeping experience. Each week, students will take turns shopping for our community snack. We feel this provides the opportunity for our classrooms to build community bonds, develop practical financial skills and interact with the greater community in which they live. It also provides a way for our students to have Practical Life experiences by preparing a simple and nutritious morning snack, serving and cleaning-up. Please send a \$25.00 snack fee. Please make out the check to Montessori Radmoor.

Lunch

Hot lunch program will begin September 7, 2010.

Classroom Materials

Our classrooms will have 100% community shared materials. Please send with your child a \$50.00 materials fee for consumable science, art and general classroom supplies. **Please make out the check to Montessori Radmoor.**

Parent Meetings

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 on Thursday evening, **September 9th at 7:00 p.m., is the Parent Information Night.**

Fieldtrips

Throughout the school year, both elementary classrooms will have opportunities to explore the diversity of our greater community through larger group “Going-Out” excursions. Fieldtrip scheduling and fee details will be discussed at our opening parent meeting in September.

Necessities

Please send a backpack with your child to carry belongings back and forth from school. Please also send an extra full set of labeled clothing that will remain at school.

Students may wear hard-soled slippers or any other type of comfortable shoes in the classroom, separate from their street shoes. We discourage Crocs as many children are not walking properly in them and become distracted by them. Also, please send with your child gym shoes appropriate for PE or similar physical activities.

First Fridays

I am excited to announce something new for the elementary community. Starting in October, children will be able to share their work with you on the first Friday of every month between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. Since so much of what your child does in the classroom is done with materials, I think it is a great way for them to share with you something that they are practicing toward mastery.

We look forward to seeing you at the start of the new school year!

Sincerely Yours,

Priya Bhojak

Reminders for first week of school:

- Backpack
- Full set of clothing, labeled
- \$25.00 snack fee
- \$50.00 art/science/general supply fee
- Classroom shoes or hard-soled slippers
- Gym shoes