

Welcome to Kindergarten at the Montessori School of Cheyenne!

We are so glad to have you here at MSC, and especially here in kindergarten! My name is Kate Bigelow and I am the lead kindergarten teacher. I have been at MSC for five years since graduating from the University of Wyoming with my degree in Elementary Education. After obtaining my Wyoming State Teaching certificate I chose the private school route and found myself here at Montessori. I completed my Montessori certification in Boulder four years ago and am thrilled to have this opportunity. I absolutely adore teaching kindergarten here at MSC and I am really looking forward to another great year! I am assisted in the kindergarten classroom by Denisha White and we are so excited to have her here at MSC!

The information included in this packet should help you learn more about the kindergarten program here at MSC as well as gain more knowledge of general Montessori kindergarten philosophy. You will find a daily and yearly schedule, broken down by month. This schedule also includes key pieces of the kindergarten curriculum here at MSC as well as an article regarding the importance of the Montessori third year. Also included is a pamphlet developed by the American Montessori Society to help explain the kindergarten experience and a note with some key points to remember. *Please find included in your packet an alignment of the Montessori kindergarten curriculum and the newly adapted Common Core State Standards. This will be a great reference tool to help guide you through the Montessori materials and how they meet these standards and benchmarks.*

Please look over all of this information as it will assist you as continue through Montessori kindergarten. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to me anytime as well as Dawn or Lindsey. Thanks again for your time and we are so glad you are here!

Sincerely,

Kate Bigelow

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