



Dear Primary Level Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the summer so far! We all know how quickly it passes, so here are some reminders and new information for you as we look ahead to the start of the school year:

**Start Time:** Please remember that our start time for fall has changed. You may drop your child off from 7:30-8:15. I highly recommend that you plan for your child to arrive by 8:00, which gives you a little cushion for unexpected traffic and other issues. All children should be in their classrooms by 8:15. After 8:15, you'll have to park, sign your child in at the main office, and wait until a member of our administrative staff is available to walk your child to the classroom. Let's all make a commitment to punctuality when the new school year begins!

**Uniform shirts:** Beginning this fall, Primary children are required to wear the Dennis uniform shirts/tops (polos, t-shirts, or dresses with the MA logo) to school, like the big kids! You're welcome to purchase other uniform items as well with the exception of the MA fleece jacket for younger children. Only kindergartners and up may wear the fleece jacket to school. (This is strictly for practical purposes. Primary children have enough difficulty finding their jackets on the rack now; imagine a row of 24 matching fleece jackets . . . They'd never make it outside for playtime!) Pants, shorts, and skirts are your child's choice. As always, the child should be able to manage pants/shorts independently for ease in the restroom. We will have many casual or dress up days throughout the year, so check the school calendar for specific references to "Primary out of uniform" days. \*Uniform shirts may be purchased at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) or at the Nashville store on 63 E Thompson Lane.

**Parents who are new to MA:** You will receive an email soon with information about New Primary Parent Orientation. Please be sure to sign up for a time to meet with me so that you and your child will be ready to begin the school year. I look forward to getting to know all of you and welcome you to the MA family.

As many of you know, I'm stepping out of the classroom after 19 years of teaching, the past 10 wonderful years as a Primary teacher at MA. While it's bittersweet, I am so excited to be taking on the role of Primary Director. One of my main goals is to build strong relationships with parents, so I want all of you to feel comfortable to reach out to me at any time. I've been an MA parent and teacher, so I bring the perspective of both to this new administrative position. Let's build a vibrant Montessori Primary community together this year!

Warm regards,  
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