

Dear Parents,

Summer is passing rapidly and the WMMS staff is preparing for a terrific 2010/2011 school year. **Please read the entire letter.** (More information is included on our website, www.whitemountainmontessori.org.)

August dates to remember:

21...Parent workday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm Bring your tools: trimmers, shovels, hoes & rakes.
23-27...Orientation Week for New Students Only, 9-11 am - \$60 fee
30...All students report for 1st day

September dates to remember:

2...3-6 class Parent Meeting 5:30-6:00 pm
Back to School BBQ - 6:00-7:00 pm
3...Friday-Early Release Day, 12:00 Noon
6...Labor Day - School Closed
17...Friday-Early Release Day, 12:00 Noon

SCHOOL BAGS ARE AVAILABLE in the School Office at a cost of \$10/bag. Due to space constraints, **students do not use backpacks.**

Healthy Snacks:

Starting September, your child will be assigned to bring snacks for his or her group. Snack calendars will be posted in the foyer and on the website. This is an exciting day for your child, as he/she will be leading the morning meeting. Suggested snacks: cheese, whole grain crackers, nuts, fruits, veggies, muffins, breakfast and granola bars. Please do not send yogurts or popcorn. We ask that you include napkins.

3-6 class - Parents enjoy attending a few snack days a year to note the progress of their child.

Kinder class - We ask that you limit your attendance to 1 fall semester and 1 spring semester snack day. This decreases the interruption of the Kinder work cycle.

Lunches:

Students provide their own lunch. If you would like your child to have something warm/hot to eat in his or her lunch, please place that item in a thermos. We are better able to accommodate regular size lunchboxes or bags. Please do not send oversized containers. We welcome any parent to come in and help during lunch and this time will be attributed to fulfilling your volunteer hours!

Each child needs to bring the following list of items when they come to school on the first day (Monday, August 30). Items marked with an "*" need to be labeled with your child's name.

- Marbled composition book
- Classic Crayola Colored Pencils 24 box
- *Plastic pencil box (no handles please)
- 2 boxes of tissues
- *Small pencil sharpener (one that contains the shavings)
- 12 glue sticks
- *1 change of extra clothing/socks (weather appropriate, labeled & in a large Ziploc Bag)
- *1 pair of slippers (please label)

Classroom Wish List

These items are needed throughout the school year. If you could donate it would be appreciated. Wish list is organized by first letter of last name.

B & C - sandbox toys

D & H - 2 bottles of Germ-X

E & J - 1 dishwashing machine soap (please do not buy phosphate free)

F & G - 3 reams of copier paper

L - 2 bottles of hand dishwashing soap

N - fish food - 1 large container of Tetra tropical flakes and 3 packages Tetra Weekend gel formula

M & R - 2 containers of Clorox wipes

S & T - 1 package each: Q-tips and cotton balls

V - 2 boxes of gallon size plastic bags

W - 3 boxes of sandwich size plastic bags

Before and After Care:

Arrangements are available for those students that need supervision prior to and after regular school hours. Before Care is available beginning at 7:30 am; After Care is available from 3:00 until 5:30 pm. The cost is \$4.00 an hour and will be prorated every 30 minutes. We would like to have an idea of how many of you are planning on using these services this year, so please take the time to e-mail (office@whitemountainmontessori.org) or call (367-1201) prior to the start of school this year so that we can ensure we will have enough caregivers.

Thank you so much for all of your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year. Don't forget Parent Work Day and Parent Information Meeting/Potluck.