

IN A NUTSHELL

A note from Ms. Beth:

OFMS Families,

Summer is winding down and fall is quickly approaching. We have enjoyed the elementary students being with us this summer. We know each student will have a great start to the new school year and experience much success.

We are excited about our students who will be moving up to our Kindergarten class. There are a lot of learning opportunities for them this year!

Well, I guess we should say we are EXCITED about our new school year for every class! This time of the year is one of our favorites. Teachers are looking for new materials, searching for just the right activities for their students and preparing the classrooms. Who doesn't love new school supplies? Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Let me know if you have any questions.

Looking forward to fall,

~*Beth*

"Childhood constitutes the most important element in an adult's life, for it is in his early years that a man is made."

~*Maria Montessori*

Important Dates:

In August all families will need to fill out new enrollment forms.

August 22- Summer term ends

August 23 - Lunch orders due

August 23-25 - School closed for staff development

August 25 - Open house 4-5pm

August 28 - Fall Term Begins



Drop off is 7-8:15 for extended day students and 8-8:15 for half & full day students.

Arriving on time is extremely important in the Montessori environment. This is the first step to starting the day with respect and order. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Mission Statement:

The Oak Forest Montessori School is consistent with the philosophy and mission of Dr. Maria Montessori and her work with children – to help each child reach his or her full potential in all areas of life.

Policy Spotlight

Every policy has a heartbeat, every guideline has a hope. This is what we do and why we do it.

Extra Clothes & Shoes

Each student is to have a change of clothing in his or her bin in case of accidents. When they use their set of extra clothes/shoes please send another pair for their bin the next day. Accidents can be embarrassing for a student and having a uniform to change into helps alleviate that stress.

Backpacks

Due to limited space in the students' cubbies, we ask that you do not send your student with a backpack. These are too bulky to store well! Please send extra clothing in a gallon zippy bag and nap things in a small bag.

Teacher Appreciation

Mrs. Riley

Room 1900 – Ages 3 & 4

Math & Sensorial



Mrs. Riley is a dedicated guide who has been with us for 35 years. She loves seeing her students master tasks they previously struggled with, helping them excel academically for years to come. Before Mrs. Riley moved to Texas she taught grade school in Missouri. As she worked with 3, 4, and 5 year olds here, she found it was just as rewarding as working with grade schoolers, and has continued working in our pre-primary program. Rather than babysitting, Mrs. Riley appreciates the Montessori environment for the focus put on each individual child's learning process. Seeing individuals flourish toward their full potential is a great joy to her. One particular lesson she enjoys teaching is counting objects, which, she says, "takes great discipline and self-control." We are blessed to have Mrs. Riley as a teacher and part of our OFMS family!