

July, 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I am very excited and honored to be your child's teacher. The upcoming year is going to be a great one.

I am looking forward to getting to know the new families, and welcoming back the new second and third graders. As a bit of background for those who have not met me, I have an undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College in Psychology and Education, and a Masters Degree in Training and Development from Cornell University/Baruch College in New York, and I am Montessori certified with the American Montessori Society. Before teaching, I worked in banking for 20 years at JPMorgan Chase in New York City and San Antonio, Texas, and then at Wachovia here in Charlotte. I have worked with children all of my life in various capacities such as Junior Achievement, tutoring, Special Olympics, reading buddies, etc. I have one child currently at Park Road, and one who just graduated from PRM, so we're all in it together!

### **Parent Assistants**

There will be lots of opportunities for parent help. I anticipate needs for:

- reading helpers, book club leaders
- gardeners, cooks and musicians
- a science organizer/instructor
- drivers and walkers for taking small groups on field trips
- even help making copies and materials

**If you have time either during school or outside of school and would like to help the class in any way, please let me know of your interest areas and availability.**

### **Snack Schedule**

We will send home snack assignments each month. Two families will be responsible for a week at a time. We will send home a bag for the week. More information will be sent to you regarding ideas for healthy food. Fresh cut flowers are a lovely optional addition.

### **Reaching me**

My CMS email is christinec.aheron@cms.k12.nc.us, but I am more apt to check my gmail account. Feel free to reach me at [christineaheron@gmail.com](mailto:christineaheron@gmail.com). My phone number at home is 704 679-3999, and my cell phone is 704 293-6591. If you need to reach me urgently during the day, it may be best to contact the office since I will be focused on the children and I do not have time to check email. I usually return email messages in the early mornings.

I am looking forward to a great year with you and your child!

---Christine Aheron



**MS CHRISTINE'S CLASS SUPPLY LIST 2014-2015**

**Supplies for the first day of school : (If you have any hardship getting the following, let me know and we can work something out)**

- Four composition notebooks, wide-ruled is best. These should be sewn-binding notebooks, not spiral-bound.
- MATH BOOK: a notebook of quadrille graph paper, also in a sewn-binding notebook form, 4 squares per inch. (These are often available at Office Depot.)
- Three packs of #2 pencils. If you have time to sharpen them before school, that would be great!
- One pack of colored pencils (If you can find just black **colored** pencils, that would be fine.)
- One package of markers, preferably washable
- One small package of loose leaf paper with wide-width lines, not narrow or college width
- One skein of yarn—any color
- Modeling clay (Crayola or Roseart are fine)
- One box of tissues
- Sponges for table washing
- One box of band-aids

| First Grade  | Second grade  | Third Grade   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One 1-inch three-ring binder (white or plain color). You will keep this for three years.</li> <li>○ 1 box cornstarch</li> <li>○ 1 large bottle vegetable oil</li> <li>○ 1 bottle liquid dish soap</li> <li>○ 1 box of gallon-sized ziplock bags</li> <li>○ Glue sticks</li> <li>○ Pink Erasers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 box of sandwich-size ziplock bags</li> <li>○ 1 box baking powder</li> <li>○ 1 can non-stick cooking spray</li> <li>○ Clorox wipes or cleaner</li> <li>○ Hand sanitizer</li> <li>○ Bag of sugar</li> <li>○ Glue sticks</li> <li>○ Pink Erasers</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 box of gallon-sized ziplock bags</li> <li>○ 1 bottle non-toxic all-purpose cleaner</li> <li>○ 1 box of baking soda</li> <li>○ 1 box of salt</li> <li>○ 1 bottle vinegar</li> <li>○ Bag of white flour</li> <li>○ Either a scrubber attachment for a dishwasher wand or Swiffer pre-moistened pads</li> </ul> |

You may bring all of this during the open house. Please put it in a bag labeled with your child's name.

- Optional:
  - Since we sit on the floor a lot, it would be nice to keep it clean. If you would like to bring an “indoor only” pair of shoes or slippers, that would be fine.
  - If your child has not achieved a comfortable three-finger (tri-pod) pencil hold, you may want to provide a triangular pencil or pencil grip.
  - A plant to take care of during the year.
  - A water bottle