



**Pebblecreek Montessori**  
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Pebblecreek Montessori and especially the Daffodil room! My name is Brandi Shotwell and I am the lead teacher in the toddler room. I have worked at Pebblecreek since July 2006. I received my certification from North American Montessori Center in January of 2007. I have been married for three years and I have also been a nanny for the past six years to a child that attends Pebblecreek. Michelle Nowak will be the Daffodil assistant teacher this year. Michelle ran the afterschool toddler program last year and will be joining us in the class this year. Michelle is married and has three children that attend Pebblecreek.

We are very excited to welcome your child to the Daffodil room. Each parent has a homework assignment for us! We would like each parent to write a letter, separately from each other, telling us about your child. Please include your child's likes and dislikes, home routines, and activities. Please be as detailed as possible.

There are a few things we request for the children in the Daffodil room. We would like each child to wear crocs while in the classroom. These shoes are easy to clean and disinfect, and are also easy for the children to put on independently. They are especially helpful during potty training. We will send out a schedule to each parent for the month requesting fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers. The children will use the flowers for flower arranging activities and the fruits and vegetables will be used to practice cutting and serving snacks to the classroom. We require that no pacifiers or sippy cups be brought into the classroom environment. The students will begin practicing drinking from small cups the first day of school.

Please inform us when your child is ready to potty train. We request you send 10 pair of underwear and bottoms. We also request that when you are ready to potty train the child wear only underwear to avoid confusion between diapers and underwear.

The Montessori Method of teaching is based on the philosophy that children naturally possess the qualities which traditional education assume need to be taught. We respect each child's tentative steps in all areas of life, both academically and socially. Work in our classroom is self-correcting and the children are free to experiment, perceive their own mistakes, and take risks in their learning. Please be patient and allow your little one to reach his or her potential in their own unique way.

We are very excited to become a part of your child's life. We are looking forward to a great year! Please mark your calendars for our class picnic on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Children first and always,

Brandi Shotwell and Michelle Nowak