



Pebblecreek Montessori
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Pebblecreek Montessori and especially the Petunia room! My name is Jennifer Carline and I am the lead teacher in the toddler room. I have worked at Pebblecreek since January 2005. I graduated from Plano East Senior High school in May of 1999, where I became familiar and interested with Maria Montessori and her methods. I am currently perusing my certification from AMI. I have been married for 7 years and we currently reside in McKinney and are expecting our first child. During school breaks I enjoy traveling around the country and visiting other states and historical sites. My hobbies include gardening, art projects, and painting. My love for animals has also inspired me to volunteer my time to animal rescue organizations.

We are very excited to welcome your child to the Petunia 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, dislikes, home routines, and activities. Please be as detailed as possible.

There are a few things we request for the children in the Petunia room. We would like each child to wear crocs while in the classroom. These shoes are easy to clean and disinfect, and are 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 to donate to the classroom. 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, have them 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 18th, 2008 from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carline