



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

GETTING STARTED

Welcome to Pre-K! September is an exciting time. The following information will help you and your child get ready for pre-kindergarten.

- Please send a full-sized backpack to school each day. On Fridays, we will send home any crafts students have created that week and any important notices you need.
- A mini cold pack is a good idea for lunch boxes that contain perishable foods. Please do not send soda, candy, or highly-sugared foods.
- Dress code for Pre-K is washable play clothes and closed, rubber-soled shoes for safety. Shorts or tights must be worn under dresses/skirts.
- Please send a complete change of clothing, including underwear and socks, in a ziplocked bag. Each item of clothing needs to be clearly labeled.
- A smock is needed for art class. An adult-sized T-shirt works best.
- As the weather grows colder, please know that the children play outside (weather permitting) every day. Send all necessary outerwear labeled with your child's name. As winter approaches, we request that you send a pair of boots and snow pants that will remain in school throughout the winter months.
- All notes from home should be addressed to both teachers.

- A note from both families is needed if your child is having a playdate with another child. We also need a note if there are any changes in transportation plans. Please pin the note to your child's backpack for easy access.
- Please know that we will always return your phone calls or answer your emails as soon as possible. If your message is timely and you need a response before the end of the day, it is best to call the Colleen Helsel, the Primary School receptionist, at 973-783-8805.
- We invite you to commemorate your child's birthday with a special snack. All birthday snacks must be reviewed by the nurse ahead of time so that any allergies in the class will be considered. Birthdays are celebrated during snack time and you are welcome to attend. Summer birthdays are usually celebrated in May and June.
- Class parents will be phoning you with information about PAMKA events and opportunities to sign up to volunteer at classroom events throughout the year.