Dear Parents,

Welcome to Room 1121 and the 2023-2024 school year at Dater Montessori School! Your classroom teachers will be Cindy Yauh and Carolyn St. John. We are both very excited to have the opportunity to do a job share. We are looking forward to working with you and your child. Our first parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The meeting is for parents only. We will be addressing the Montessori philosophy as well as the daily routines, expectations, and classroom workflow. There will also be time to answer any questions you may have.

Introduction to Ms. Cindy: My name is Cindy Yauh. The children call me Ms. Cindy. I have been teaching preschool and/or kindergarten children for over 30 years. I earned a Master of Education with Montessori certification for the 3-6 and 6-9 year-old levels from Xavier University. I earned a Preschool Special Needs Endorsement from the University of Cincinnati. This is my 22nd year teaching at Dater Montessori. Previously, I served as the all-day (afternoon) preschool teacher when that program was initiated. I also served as a Language Coach for the kindergarten students during that time. During the past 16 years, I taught in one of our preschool disabilities classrooms. My husband and I will have been married for 40 years in June 2023. We have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family, gardening, home improvement projects, swimming, fitness classes/walking, and camping.

Introduction to Ms. Carolyn: My name is Carolyn St John, I am excited to have this wonderful opportunity to work with Cindy Yauh as we get to know you and your child. My heart and passion is teaching Kindergarten. It is where amazing growth occurs and a vital time to lay a strong foundation academically, emotionally, socially, and much more. My mission is to work with children to discover the joy of learning and build confidence in their ability to achieve and succeed. As a high school student, I helped my aunt with her young triplets. Watching them thrive in a Montessori school gave me the goal to become a Montessori teacher. I graduated from Xavier University with my teaching and Montessori certification. When my youngest son started preschool at Dater Montessori, I was able to do what I love and volunteer in the classroom. As a parent volunteer, teacher, language coach, paraprofessional, and building sub at Dater Montessori, for over 20 years, I enjoyed working with very talented teachers and families.

Every Tuesday family communication from our school/district will be sent home in your child’s backpack or you may request to receive the information electronically. The blue folder should be returned to school in your child’s backpack daily.

Please send your child to school each day with a regular-size backpack and the blue folder mentioned above. In addition, please send a complete change of clothes (inside a ziplock bag) which will be kept in their locker, just in case clothes get messy.

We look forward to working together, and with all of you, as we make this a positive and successful school year for you and your child. Our email addresses are stjohn@cpsboe.k12.oh.us and vauchci@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. Classroom phone number: (513)363-0950.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are looking forward to a successful school year with you and your child!

Sincerely,
Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Cindy