



WELCOME TO 1328

Ms. Debra & Ms. Hocker

All about Ms. Debra:

Hello, my name is Debra Morrow-Soward. The students will call me Ms. Debra, but please feel free to call me Debra. I am delighted to have you and your family as a part of Community 1328! I have raised my five children in a Montessori household and truly believe it is an educational philosophy that supports and nurtures the whole child. I am eager to join your team and become your partner in education! Every member of Community 1328 will grow so much during this upcoming school year and I cannot wait to experience the 2023-2024 school year with you.

All about Ms. Hocker:

Our wonderful assistant is Shaneisha Hocker, and your child will call her Ms. Hocker. I am so thankful to have her as my teaching partner for another year in our community. She loves the students and is a great asset to Dater Montessori. I have enjoyed working with her for the last 3 years and her educational support is invaluable. She has been at Dater for six years now and has a lovely daughter who will be a Kindergartener this upcoming school year. We are both so excited to meet our new students and continue to support our current learners here in Community 1328!

There are many activities you can do at home over the summer to better prepare your child for the upcoming school year. Here are a few ideas:

- **math fact fluency (1st & 2nd = addition & 3rd = multiplication)**
- **memorize birthday (in numbers), phone number, & address**
- **practice calendar skills, including writing the date in numerals**
- **read aloud every day of the week - visit our local library**
- **practice telling time, counting money, and measurement**
- **enjoy preparing meals and snacks together**
- **folding clothes & making beds**
- **tying shoes**
- **play outside, swim, hike, and explore**

At the beginning of next year you will receive a Welcome to 1328 brochure filled with valuable information about classroom expectations, different study topics, volunteer opportunities, and our overall classroom structure. Keep a lookout for that on the first day of school!

If you have any questions or need to reach me this summer feel free to email me at: sowardd@cps.boe.k12.oh.us I will try my best to check it at least once a week!

With Kindness,
Your Partner in Education,

Debra Morrow-Soward

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