

Friday May 20, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to those returning to Room 1112 and greetings to the new members of our 2022-2023 classroom community!

My name is Nora Marrero and I am delighted to be returning for my sixth year at Dater Montessori School. I will be working diligently to create an educationally stimulating and emotionally supportive Montessori classroom for your children.

I am a native Cincinnati with 33 years of teaching experience. After receiving my bachelor's degree in International Affairs at Xavier University, I continued there to get my master's degree in Education with a concentration in Montessori Early Childhood Education. I began my teaching career with 4 years at the New School Montessori before moving to New York City and teaching there for 22 years. In the summer of 2015, my husband and I returned to Cincinnati with our two daughters, who both attend public Montessori schools. During the 2016-2017 school year, I had the rich opportunity to work as adjunct faculty at Xavier University. I worked with the Montessori Early Childhood interns in both public and private Montessori schools across the city as they completed their education to become teachers. I had the wonderful opportunity of spending a great deal of time in Cincinnati's public Montessori schools, including Dater Montessori, tracking the interns' progress. It gave me exposure and insight into the tremendous amount of expertise and dedication that public Montessori teachers put into their classrooms and I knew that was where I wanted to be.

I will be communicating with you about curriculum, upcoming events, and donations we may need for the classroom through newsletters, emails, and Schoology throughout the year. Please check your child's backpack daily for notes that may come home and be on the lookout for the Tuesday folder that comes home weekly. Once the children are settled into their routines in the classroom, we welcome parents in the room for volunteering on classroom activities or just to observe their work.

As I write this letter, I am sitting in our classroom as our world continues to recover from the Covid-19 crisis. I hope that our school year will begin in its typical fashion but CPS will keep us informed of how any changes to our plans will occur.

Our 3-6 program will host its annual **Back-to-School Parent Meeting on Monday August 15th from 6:30-7:30**. Please come to get an overview of our program and classroom philosophy, practice, rituals, routines, etc.

I'd love to hear your questions, comments, and concerns. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than talking about the education and daily experiences of your children. I can be reached via email: marrere@cpsboe.k12.oh.us and on the classroom phone at 513-363-0956. My legal name is Elinor but I am called Nora, a little confusing when searching for my contact information.

Thank you,

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