

June 2023

Dear New Families,

Welcome to the 6-9 community at Dater Montessori! My name is Tracey Peters, and I am your student's homeroom, Math, and Science teacher. The 2023-24 school year will be my 23rd year at Dater Montessori. I live outside of Brookville, Indiana with my multigenerational family, 2 dogs, 7 cats, and 26 chickens. Yes, I love Dater Montessori so much that I drive 40 miles to and from school every day! When I'm not in school, I love camping and kayaking with my family, gardening, canning, taking care of my chickens, and spending lots of time with my granddaughter.

Ms. Christine McDonald is our kind and energetic paraprofessional. This will be her seventh year at Dater. Ms. Christine loves music! She has been a musician since she was 4 years old, starting with singing and then playing the cello. Ms. Christine likes to not only perform for others but write music as well. She hopes to own her recording studio someday. In her spare time, she loves to read for pleasure and knowledge. As a kid, she did not always like to read, but she thoroughly enjoys it now!

I team teach with Ms. Sarah Doepke (pronounced dep-key). The students will have Math or Science lessons every day with me, and Language Arts or Social Studies lessons with Ms. Sarah each day. This structure will maximize a focused academic approach to the standards with the support of Montessori materials while maintaining the integrity of the Montessori belief of establishing an organized, peaceful, and well-managed classroom. Next year is our seventh year teaming together.

Ms. Sarah has worked at Dater Montessori as a 6-9 teacher for 20 years. She has a Master of Education from Xavier University, her Montessori certification, and her National Board Certification. Ms. Sarah and her husband, Ben, have 3 children. She enjoys working on their historic home, attending her children's swim meets, and hiking.

Included you will find a list of classroom supplies needed for next year. Please bring personal supplies on the first day of school, and community supplies by the end of the first week. If you would like to purchase a resource to help your student prepare for the next grade, the Summer Bridge Book is a great resource to practice those necessary skills.

In the fall we will have a New Parent Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, August 22 from 6:00 to 6:45 for all new 6-9 families. We will discuss our routines, expectations, and new schedules, as well as answer any questions you may have.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You can reach me at 363-0934 or [petertr@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:petertr@cpsboe.k12.oh.us), or Ms. Sarah at 363-0951 or [doepkes@cpsboe.k12.oh.us](mailto:doepkes@cpsboe.k12.oh.us)

We are looking forward to partnering with you next school year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Tracey