California Montessori Project- Elk Grove Campus
Diamond Class- Room 6
Kindergarten
2019-2020
Ms. Gabriele & Ms. Brittany
Hello! My name is Gabriele (Williams) Rady and this is my third year working at the California Montessori Project. I earned my Bachelor’s Degree of Science in Education from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. I then moved to Denver, Colorado where I served as a grade level Teaching Assistant for the 5th grade. Due to work opportunities, my husband Ben and I moved to Sacramento. I then began my journey at CMP. I have loved working in the Diamond class for the past two years as a Teaching Assistant, and I am ready for the transition into the Lead Teacher role! I recently got my California credential and have also completed my Early Childhood Montessori Training. Montessori has taught me the importance of following the child and allowing the students to become independent in their work. I am excited to watch your children grow and learn as much as possible! Please feel free to message me through ParentSquare should you have any questions. Thank you!
Diamond Class Schedule

8:15-8:45  Morning Circle
8:45-10:45  Lessons/Job Time/ Snack
(P.E. 10:35-11:15 Tuesdays and Wednesdays besides ERD)
(Library 10:00-10:20 every Wednesday)
10:45-11:00  Clean Up
11:00-11:15  Read Aloud/ Set out lunches
11:15-11:45  Recess

11:45  Early Release Dismissal– 2nd and 4th Wednesday

11:45-12:15  Lunch
(Severe MANGO and SHELLFISH allergies)
12:15-1:30  Cultural Lesson
1:30-1:45  Afternoon Circle
1:45  Dismissal
Class Information

Drop Off:
Regular School Day:
   Students are invited into the class starting at 8:05 A.M. If you are earlier than this time, you must stay with your child and wait outside the classroom or sign them in to Club M in the Moonstone classroom if they have an existing Club M contract.
Tardy:
   If you arrive after 8:15, please stop by the office to receive a tardy slip.

Pick Up:
Regular School Day:
   Students may be picked up starting at 1:45 P.M. After 2:00 P.M. if your child has not been picked up, they will be waiting for you in the office.

Early Release Day:
   Students may be picked up starting at 11:45 A.M. After 12:00 P.M. if your child has not been picked up, they will be waiting for you in the office.

Before Dismissal:
   Please sign your child out in the office first. The office will then notify us that your child is leaving.

Change of routine
   Students will only be released to the people you have designated to do so and who are included in the office list. If someone other than the person who usually meets your child will pick them up, please turn in a Student Pick-up Authorization Form. Please inform the person picking up to prepare a photo ID for us to confirm their identity.

Dress Code & Free Dress:
   Students are required to be in dress code each day. Students earn Free Dress Friday when they have been in dress code, have arrived at school on time, and have been present for the entire school day, Monday through Thursday (no arriving late or leaving early for any reason, including medical or dental appointment). Please review our dress code policy on our website or request a copy from the office.
Change of Clothes:
Please make sure your child has a change of clothes that are weather appropriate. Items can be placed inside a Ziploc bag labeled with your child’s name and placed in their cubby.

P.E.:
We will have P.E. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays so please make sure that your child has shoes in which they can run.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:
Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place in November and March. Similarly to the Initial Parent Meetings, conference sign-ups will be posted on ParentSquare and these days will also be Early Release Days. If you are not available during the times posted, please reach out and I will be happy to schedule an alternate day and time to meet.

Parent Volunteers:
Parents may volunteer in the classroom after the students have reached Normalization. This may be anywhere from 6-8 weeks. Once the students have Normalized, parents need to have attended a “7 Habits” training, cleared LiveScan and cleared TB test. A sign up/calendar will be posted of various jobs to help in the classroom as well as a list of jobs that can be completed at home.

Homework:
While in Kindergarten, students should read with their parents and also practice Rosetta Stone for 15 minutes a week. Usernames and Passwords will be given at a later time.

Field Trips:
It is CMP’s policy that only the parents may attend field trips who have been: Live Scanned,
TB Cleared,
Attended the “7 Habits” training, and
Turned in all other insurance (100/300 coverage)/registration/DL/DMV 3 year driving history forms
In addition, we do not allow siblings to attend field trips for liability and distractibility reasons. Students are required to bring a car seat with their name clearly labeled for a field trip. During Field Trips, students may wear their burgundy CMP t-shirt with appropriate shoes. We will be sending home a list of scheduled field trips once details are finalized. Forms will be sent out through ParentSquare.

**Snack:**

Students take a snack break of about 10 minutes each day at any time between 8:45-10:45 at our snack table. Each day, one student is designated as the Snack/Sharing friend and their family is asked to donate healthy snacks (fruits, vegetables, grains and protein) to our class of 23 students. Please note that candy and sodas are not allowed.

*SEVERE MANGO AND SHELLFISH ALLERGY.* When packing your child’s snack/lunch please take this allergy into consideration.

**Recess/Lunch:**

We have recess at 11:15 A.M. with lunch immediately following at 11:45 A.M. In keeping with our Grace andCourtesy curriculum, we’d like to foster an atmosphere designed to promote the development and refinement of conversational skills and table manners. Students eat at tables, use napkins for placemats, and clean up after eating. Please send complete and proper utensils daily for your child to use. Students are not permitted to share their lunches.

**Snack/Sharing Friend:**

Each school day, one student will be in charge of bringing snack for the entire class (23 students). This student will also be able to bring in one object from home to share with the class (pictures, trophies, books, trinkets, handmade items, craftwork or art work, found objects - no toys, please!)

**Me Museum:**

Each week, one student will be chosen to bring in 5 items to be put on display in the classroom. Some ideas are, pictures, trophies, books, trinkets, handmade items, craftwork or art work, found objects - no toys, please! Each day, the Me Museum friend will choose one item and explain to the class the importance of the item. Please talk with your child about what they can say about the items!
Birthdays:

To honor students on their birthdays, we hold a Birthday Circle. Our traditions include singing, lighting a candle, and acknowledging the student’s accomplishments over the previous years. You are encouraged to bring in photos of your child representing each year of their life. Students may also bring a special treat for each member of the class, if they wish. Healthy treats are welcome. Birthday celebrations are held near the end of the day, at 1:15 P.M. In order to respect children’s developing sense of belonging at this age, birthday invitations can be passed out at the end of the school day ONLY if ALL classmates are included. If this cannot be accommodated, then you are welcome to pass them out before school or after dismissal to the classmate’s parent on your own time.

Toys:

Toys are not allowed at school during any time of day.

Parent-Teacher Communication:

This school year, we will be using ParentSquare for most of our communication. Please make sure to check regularly for important information from me as well as Ms. Kim, site administrator, and Ms. Kathleen, principal. I will also have information on the easel which is displayed every day outside the classroom. We will also be sending home a Yellow Communication Folder on Fridays for any paperwork that will not be sent over ParentSquare.

Thank you parents for fostering your child’s education and supporting the classroom every day!