



July 12, 2018

Welcome Primary "Penguins" & families!

Thank you for choosing Camino for your child! Together we will soon embark on a journey involving your child's education and growth. We are very excited to walk this path with you.

First let's introduce ourselves to you: We are Ms. Karen and Ms. Maribel. We have been a working team for the past five years. Ms. Karen has over 10 years of Montessori under her belt with 2 young children. Ms. Maribel as well has 2 children currently enrolled in the Camino Montessori elementary programs. We all love to work with children and believe in the Montessori magic.

Enclosed you will find an attached Student Supply List for the upcoming school year. We would like to highlight a few items for explanation and clarification.

Change of clothes: Please bring a **labeled** set of change of clothes for your child. We acknowledge that your child is potty-trained, however accidents do occur, so we want to be prepared.

Water bottle: Please provide your child with a **labeled** water bottle. Your child is more than welcome to leave their water bottle at school and take it home at the end of the week. Hydration is very important for all of us, especially in hot Arizona. If your child does not have a water bottle they may have to sit out for recess and/or PE. Please be sure the water bottle has a secure lid to avoid spillage.

Folders: Please provide 2 **labeled pocket folders**. One folder will be used for your child to save their incomplete work that will stay in their cubby. Another folder is used to transport their work from school to home. Every Friday their folder will be sent home and must be returned the following Monday.

***Please note that supplies brought to school are going to be used by the whole community. Please DO NOT label community supplies, unless specified.**

Next, we would like to introduce events that will occur throughout the year:

"Show and Tell": Children love to share their special treasures with their friends. We would like to invite your child to partake in show in tell every **Friday**. Everyone has toys and we all love toys however, we are going to ask to please keep all toys at home and instead encourage your child to choose something meaningful for show and tell. For example show and tell can be something found in nature, a photograph or art project, a special book, an object they collect, a present from a special person in their lives, something found on vacation, their pets...the ideas are endless. If you choose to share a living thing please check with a teacher first to schedule a special time. Show and Tell is

public speaking practice, therefore we will ask your child what the item is and why he/she brought it in. To help your child be successful in talking about his/her Show and Tell please talk to your child about the item before bringing it to school.

Birthday Celebrations: In a Montessori school we celebrate Birthdays a little different. Instead of cupcakes and candles, your child will rotate around the sun and hear affirmations about themselves from their friends. Your child as well will create a timeline of their life. We need your assistance in creating a timeline. We ask on your child's birthday to bring one picture for each year of their life. With the pictures, we will work with your child to create their timeline.

Snack Time: Please provide an individual snack separate from their lunch for your child. Please encourage healthy choices for snack: for example a fruit, a vegetable, or a protein. Camino does not support sugar or chocolate to support your child's learning. Please reference Parent Handbook for Food Policy details. For the beginning of the school year, we will participate in group snack, eating all together at the same time. Early fall, we will transition from group snack, to self-serve snack. Self-serve snack is when each child will have the opportunity to eat their snack when they are hungry at a designated snack table.

New Student Orientation: We would like to invite **new children** to visit the classroom before the first day of school. This time is for your **child only** to visit their new space, receive lessons, and meet their new teachers and friends.

) **Monday August 6th: 10-11:30am New PRESCHOOLERS (ages 3 & 4 years)**

) **Monday August 6th: 1-2:30pm New KINDERGARTERS**

Parent Orientation: We invite **ALL Parents only** to our Primary Orientation before the first day of school. During this time, you will visit your child's classroom, meet their teachers, and go over questions and Camino policies.

) **Monday, August 6th 5-6:30pm**

Thank you for taking your time and reading this information that will help prepare you and your child for the upcoming school year. Please bring classroom supplies to your child's Orientation. We look forward to the upcoming school year. See you in August!!!!!!

Your Primary Instruction Team

Ms. Karen and Ms. Maribel ☺



2018-2019 School Year
Primary (PreK-Kinder) Student
Supply List

REQUIRED ITEMS: *see Welcome Letter for further explanation*

Kinders ONLY:

*2 (2) pocket folders (labeled)

All Children:

*1 Sturdy water bottle w/lid (labeled)

*Appropriate lunch box/bag for non-perishable snack and/or lunch

*Change of clothes (labeled)

Wish list for our classroom:

- 1 package of regular sponges
- 1 Hand Soap refill
- 2 packages of Colored pencils
- 1 box of Ticonderoga Writing pencils
- 1 package of Erasers
- 2 packages of Glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 2 packages of water color paint
- 2 boxes of Tissues
- 2 boxes of Markers (washable markers)
- 1 package of 9x12 construction paper
- 1 Primary Composition Book (draw and write) (for kinders)
- 2 containers of elmers glue
- 1 solid rectangular placemat
- 1 a 1" Binder
- 1 package of page protectors
- 1 (1) subject wideruled notebook (for kinders)

Wish list for our school:

- Scrubbing sponges
- Extra forks and spoons
- Coloration Washable Finger Paints
- "Googley" eyes
- Food coloring
- 1 package of 12x18 construction paper—all colors
- Paper towels
- Cloth dish towels
- Copy paper
- Colored card stock
- White card stock
- Toilet paper
- Fun Tac
- Magic Erasers (cleaning)
- Paper plates
- Liquid dish soap
- Colored tissue paper