



STERLING MONTESSORI

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Dear Sterling Montessori Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Sterling Montessori! I am thrilled to welcome all new and returning families. We are preparing for the upcoming school year with continued health, safety, and social and emotional learning at the forefront of our minds.

Sterling's mission remains consistent and staff continue to work very hard at fostering a love of learning and making each classroom a safe, child-centered, caring and nurturing environment, where all the students' differences make up one school community. We follow the Montessori Method of teaching, allowing us to focus on the individual interests and needs of each child. Students are introduced to many new themes and concepts to spark their curiosity and excitement in order to motivate them to work and to develop scientific and critical thinking skills. They discover learning through interaction with each other, developing character, good manners and nurtured to grow socially, emotionally and intellectually. We work with them in the areas of Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, Cultural, Science and Motor Skills. The Montessori Method aims to open student's minds toward academic development and helps them reach their highest level of potential as individuals. As educators, we observe them through their developmental stages and guide them during these most important stages of their growth. I encourage all families to discover more about Montessori education and philosophy with this [video](#).

The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff remain very important to a successful year. Sterling will continue to follow all COVID-19 health measures required by the NC Department of Health and Human Services ([NCDHHS](#)) to determine what precautions are needed to keep our students, staff, and community healthy in a safe and welcoming environment for our new school year. Our [Safe Return to School webpage](#) will be continually updated with our COVID-related policies.

At Sterling, we strive to keep you connected and informed. At the end of each week, Sterling will send you the Sterling Weekly Message through our new messaging system called ParentSquare. It will include the most critical information for the upcoming week as well and calendar events. We will also send quarterly newsletters highlighting happenings at Sterling. Our school website is the place to go to pull static information and facts about Sterling that could be important for a family at any point of the year. Please take the time to explore our updated website to find information about all of our Sterling programs including scope and sequence for each level.

Last year we introduced our inaugural Treasure Chest Annual Fund. We are so grateful to those who contributed, and hope all families will consider donating this year, as our goals are reset each school year. All monies raised will go directly to supporting Sterling programs, facilities and community events. Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about our Development “buckets” and our partnership with a local community organization, The Caring Place.

Sterling’s Parent Faculty Student Association (PFSA) also helps us connect as a community. Thank you to the many parents, faculty and students for being involved in Sterling’s events over the years. We look forward to continuing to work together in providing community connections. To be engaged in conversations related to the Sterling community, we welcome all to attend PFSA meetings where you can be informed and get involved. Please watch our website, ParentSquare and/or our calendar for meeting schedules.

I am so grateful for our caring community and look forward to working together to continue to serve all of our Sterling students, staff and families.

Sincerely,

Josie Spreher
Executive Director