



First Grade Parent Orientation

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Topics

- Getting to Know Your Teachers
- School Schedule
- Language Curriculum
- Math Curriculum
- Parent - School Communications
- Elementary Discipline Policy

I'm originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico. I graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a BA in Foreign Languages. I continued my studies in Education at Caribbean University as well as the EPI program for teaching certification at Hillsborough Community College. I finished Orton Gillingham training in reading instruction for students with Dyslexia as well as my Montessori Certification. I have been with Montessori Academies since 2010 as the First Grade Language Teacher

—Ms. Kathie Rubio-Swanson



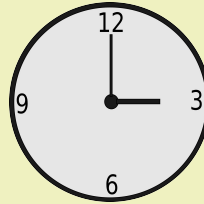
I was born in India. I have been working at Montessori schools in NJ since 2008. I moved to Florida August 2025 and started at Montessori Prep on December 2025. I have a Masters Degree in History and Montessori Certifications for Early Childhood.

–Ms. Sujata Gaan



School Schedule

In Classroom



Language, Social Studies and Spanish Curriculum

- Montessori Hands On Materials
- Group Lessons
- Literature
- Book Reports
- Workbooks and Phonics B book
- SRAs (12 colors, 12 booklets per color)
- Morning Routine (2 weeks per pack)
- Spelling (6 lessons per pack)
- Accelerated Reading Program (AR)
- Spanish
- Studies Studies Montessori Curriculum





Book Reports

- There will be 3 book reports this year (February, March and April)
- An example book report will be done at school and sent home as a guide. Follow the due dates for each section, early submission is encouraged. Reminders will be provided via the planner.

The Dot by
Peter H.
Reynolds

(February 26,
2027)

***The Best Seat in Second
Grade*** by Katharine Kenah
(March 26, 2027)

Nate the Great by
Marjorie Wein
Sharmat, 1964

(April 30, 2027)





Country Research Fair and Science Fair

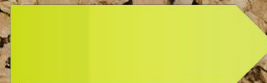
- The **Country Research Project** is a student's introduction to research and public speaking. They will research information of an assigned country and present their findings.

- The **Science Fair** is an introduction to the scientific method. The students will perform simple experiments from a provided list and present their findings.

Both activities will be sent home using the yellow folder

These activities require parental support, however they should be simple enough for the child to perform the work

Due dates and guidelines for the CRP and SF will be provided in the packet



Math, Science and Art Curriculum

- Montessori Hands On
- Group Lessons
- XtraMath- math fact practice (10 minutes a day) Keep your parent user ID and pass for future grades. It doesn't change.
- Saxon (10 lessons per pack) A side done at school, B side done for HW
- Sunshine Math- math reasoning exercises (1 page per week)
- Morning Routine (2 weeks per pack)
- First Grade Science HSP Science
- The Elements of Art

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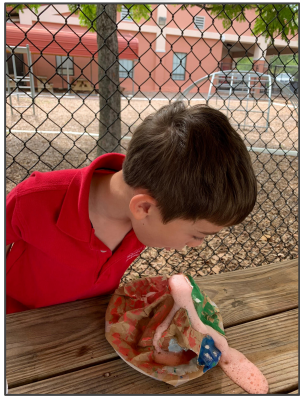
Friday Activities

- PE: PE shirts sold at school
- Pizza Fridays (form available at the school website)
- Icee - \$1.00
- Bring your spoon for lunch!

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Photo Board



Science
Fun



Online Resource s

➡ AR

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Math

In case of classroom
closures



Report Cards



TerraNova
Testing by
CTB/McGraw-
Hill

What is the TerraNova?

The TerraNova Test is an achievement test commonly given to students in grades K-12 that measures achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, vocabulary, spelling, and other areas. The TerraNova Test is published by CTB/McGraw-Hill and has set the bar for the highest standards in research, item reliability and validity, and technical quality.

Breakdown for the TerraNova Tests

- **Reading** – Oral Comprehension, Basic Understanding, Analyze Text, Evaluate and Extend Meaning, Reading and Writing Strategies and Introduction to Print
- **Language** – Sentence Structure, Writing Strategies, Editing Skills
- **Mathematics** – Number and Number Relations, Computation and Numerical Estimation, Operation Concepts, Measurement, Geometry and Spatial Sense, Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability, Patterns, Functions, Algebra, Problem Solving and Reasoning, and Communication
- **Science** – Science Inquiry, Physical Science, Life Science, Earth and Space Science, Science and Technology, Personal and Social Perspectives in Science and History and Nature of Science
- **Social Studies** – Geographic Perspectives, Historical and Cultural Perspectives, Civics & Government Perspectives and Economic Perspectives

- What should my child do daily if coming to school?



Arrive to class by 8:15 am



Bring your labeled water bottle, backpack and lunchbox with silverware



Have all materials ready in the cubbie or on the mat



Follow the classroom behavior guidelines



Do Saxon, spelling, Xtra Math for homework

Follow the workboard

Practice words daily

Eat Breakfast

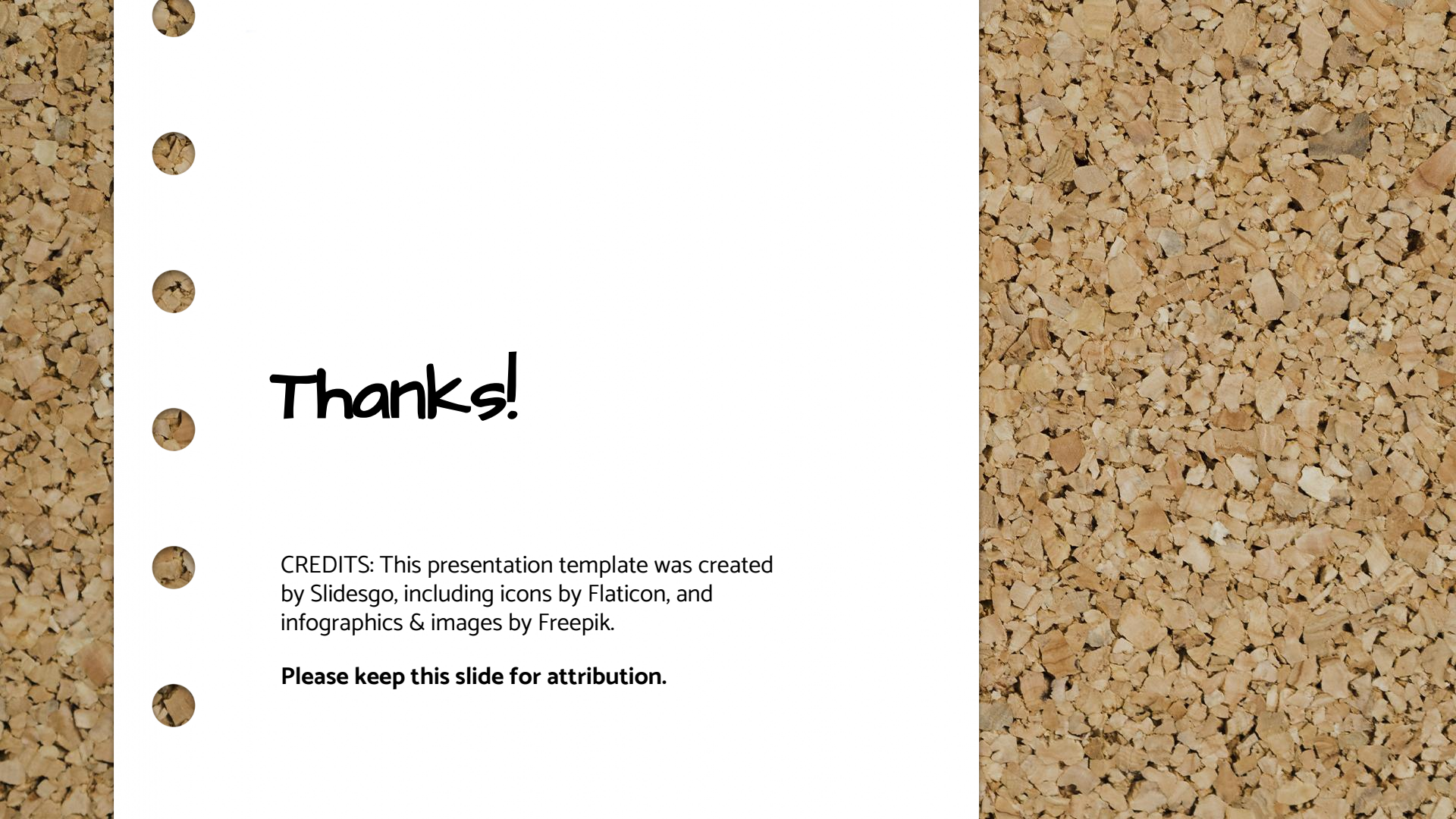


Parents School Communications

Have questions? Let's use email
or message us in the planner

- Administration:
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