

Hello Pre-k families,

My name is Ms. Cat (Catherine Morris), and I am excited to be your child's teacher. I live in Montclair. I have four children and my youngest has autism/ADHD/OCD. I am completing the last semester of my master's degree in early childhood special education. I enjoy being outdoors. I like playing sports, hiking, camping, and taking road trips. I want to visit all the National Parks someday. My favorite National Parks so far are Bryce Canyon, Utah followed by Death Valley, CA. I learned to play pickleball over the summer and really enjoy it.

My goal with your children is to help them become as independent as possible. I want them to feel confident, interact with their classmates, and enjoy being at school. This is a play-based, structured classroom setting with lots of music, movement and sensory built into the curriculum. We focus a lot on independently following classroom routines. PWCS uses the preschool High Scope curriculum. I teach both a morning class and an afternoon class and I'm excited to announce that both classes will have peer models. The morning class will have 3 peer models, and the afternoon class will have 6. I love the peer model program because all the students grow and develop from the experience.

I am lucky to have two excellent teaching assistants - Ms. Kathryn and Ms. Anjali. The three of us will all be working closely with your child. Please come with your child to the open house on Thursday Aug 14 from 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM. Your child's classroom is 2004. I am always happy to talk with you. My email is morriscf@pwcs.edu, Henderson's phone number is 703-670-2885, and you can text me through School Status. I will be reaching out to you this week so you will have my School Status number. Below is the school supply list.

I'm looking forward to meeting you on Thursday morning.

Ms. Cat

School Supply List:

- Backpack (big enough to fit a folder, lunch box, and change of clothes)
 - 1 folder for communication
 - A change of clothes (to be left at school – so it does not have to be a nice set of clothes).
 - 1 package Diapers and 1 package of wipes (if not potty trained) to be left at school.
 - Lunch box (for snack)
 - Reusable water bottle
 - Old T-shirt (a little big) for painting
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- 1 packages baby wipes for classroom use
 - 1 container disinfectant wipes (like Lysol, but does not need to be brand specific)
 - 1 box tissues
 - 1 roll paper towels
 - 1 box Ziplock bags (not brand specific and any size – sandwich, quart, or gallon).