



# Rochester Montessori School

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how children learn influences who they become



Dear Elementary One West Parents,

Believe it or not, the new school year will be starting before we know it. I hope that you are all having a very safe, enjoyable, and restful summer.

## Parent Orientation

All parents are invited to attend a parent orientation meeting on Thursday, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. I greatly encourage you all to attend this meeting. We will begin the evening in the Media Center with Michael Wridt (our new Head of School). After the State of the School address, we will move down to the E1 West classroom to talk about Elementary One expectations and policies. You will also have an opportunity to look around the classroom and talk with other parents. There are always a few changes, so we encourage all parents to attend.

## New Student Orientation

On Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, children who are **new to E1 West** are invited to attend orientation these sessions. The sessions will begin at our usual school day start time (8:30 a.m.), with drop off between 8:20 and 8:30. It will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to meet with me, become familiar with the classroom environment, learn basic procedures, and generally get to know some of their classmates. Your child should be picked up from these orientation days at 11:30 at the benches. Please have your child bring his/her school supplies on the first day of orientation.

## The E1 Team

Anne Moberg also works in E1 West. Anne, a current RMS parent and a former elementary teacher with the Rochester Public School District, has been with me in the E1 West environment since 2010. Your children will also have occasional time with Ruby Gulati (E1-East Guide and RMS parent) and Debbie Lewis (E1-East Assistant).

## E1 Helpful Links

Our classroom has a webpage on the greater RMS site (<http://www.rmschool.org/classrooms/e1-west>). I encourage you to check out this page during the school year as you will find classroom notes and pictures. You can also find an outline for the Elementary One curriculum and other useful documents under "Helpful Links."

## School Supplies

Information about supplies to bring the first day of school or to the orientation for children new to E1 is found below. Our classroom will share many of these supplies throughout the school year, so please do not put your child's name on anything.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. Anne and I are looking forward to seeing you and your child. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [andy@rmschool.org](mailto:andy@rmschool.org). Most of the summer, I will be able to check my e-mail on a daily basis, so I should be able to return your emails in a timely manner.

I look forward to this upcoming school year, and working and learning with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Andy Saunders  
E1 West Guide

### School Supplies

In E1, we post our school supply list using Amazon's School Lists. That being said, please know that you do not need to buy all of your school supplies from Amazon! Please feel free to use this list at any local retailer.

**Please note:** There are a couple of items to bring that are not a part of the Amazon list. All E1 students should have a **backpack**, and, if you are a returning student, please plan to bring back your **locker towel**! We also encourage students to bring in an **unframed family photo** that we will display in the classroom throughout the school year.

Here are the links to our school supply lists:

\* **Amazon Version: (for those who prefer one-click shopping)**

\* First Year or New-to-E1 Students: <http://amzn.com/sl/6SM7DSTYNUS7>

\* Second/Third or Returning-to-E1 Students: <http://amzn.com/sl/31X0TEHAS9M1Z>

If you have any comments or questions regarding the school supply lists, please contact Anne Moberg at [anne@rmschool.org](mailto:anne@rmschool.org).

\* **Please be sure to Save a new copy if prompted**