

Dear Primary Montessori Family,

We hope you have had a great summer! We are excited about the upcoming school year, our brand new building and several new lessons. Here is some additional information that you need to know:

You and your family are invited to our annual Montessori Meet and Greet on Saturday, August 10th from 9:00-10:00am at Woodlands Park (next to Meadowfield Elementary school). We hope you will make plans to join us as we connect, and reconnect, with other families in our Montessori Community.

We have attached a Primary Supply List for those who don't have one. There is also one listed on the school website. Your child's teacher for the 2019-2020 school year is Ms. Kristina Chandler.

The foundation for the Primary Classroom revolves around your child's introduction and daily practice of routines and procedures through the work provided in the Practical Life and Sensorial areas of the classroom. These areas of work are the backbone of each child's Montessori journey. If this is your child's first year in Montessori, our main focus for the first part of the year will be in these two areas. These lessons establish a strong foundation for a child's academic success and are a crucial part of the Montessori curriculum.

The district modified the policy regarding enrollment and guidelines for the three-year-olds who are just starting the program. Children **MUST** turn three on or before September 1st, 2019. The modified guidelines below outlines the policy regarding toilet training of all children in the program.

All preschool children must be fully toilet trained to attend.

The ability for your child to use the toilet and clean themselves properly afterwards is an independent skill for school readiness. Staff cannot change children who have soiled their clothes. In the event of an accident, if the child is unable to clean and change themselves the parent will be called to come to school and pick up the child within 30 minutes. A pattern of toileting issues will result in the child being removed from the program. The child will be placed back on the waiting list for reentry when the issue is resolved.

The children will begin the year on a staggered schedule based on age! Five-year-old kindergarteners are the **ONLY** students who start on August 21st!

Kindergarten students will start school on Wednesday August 21st. All parents will need to bring their child to orientation at school from 8:30-9:30am. Kindergarteners will then stay at school for the remainder of the day.

4K students will start school on Wednesday August 28th. All parents will need to attend an orientation at school on Tuesday, August 27th from 8:30-9:30am. Parents may bring the child starting school if desired. If the child attends, they may come see their classroom after orientation but will then need to go home with their parents.

3K students will start school on Thursday September 5th (due to Labor Day holiday). All parents will need to attend an orientation on Wednesday, September 4th from 8:30-9:30am. Parents may bring the child starting school if desired. If the child attends, they may come see their classroom after orientation but will then need to go home with their parents.

Thank you for choosing Montessori for your child. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with your child and family throughout the course of his/her Primary Montessori journey.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

The Primary Montessori Team