

Dear Parents,

We hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer vacation. Believe it or not, we are already busy making plans for the upcoming school year. For those of you who are new to the Montessori Program, the school year begins with a phase-in period. During this time, new students and returning students attend for only a half day. This enables each child to settle into the program gradually. We realize phase-in schedules pose unique challenges to parents, however, a phase-in period is advocated as a developmentally appropriate practice for young children. This phase in period sets the tone of the classroom for the entire school year. The dates for phase-in are Wednesday, August 11th through Friday August 20th. Monday, August 23rd will begin our normal schedule, with every Friday morning scheduled as a half day for **all** students (7:50-10:45).

Phase in schedule is as follows:

*returning and all day students will attend from 7:50-10:45.

*new students will attend from 11:45-2:45.

New families to the Montessori program are required to attend an informational meeting to be held Monday, August 9th at 6:00pm. This portion of the meeting will last approximately an hour. Please make arrangements for your preschooler and any other siblings. We are requesting parents of returning students to join us at 7:00pm to review information concerning the all-day Montessori year. A short socialization for everyone to get to know each other will follow. We hope to have you back home to your family before 8:00pm.

ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE MONTESSORI PROGRAM WILL NEED:

1. A “tote bag” large enough for paperwork, which must be brought to school everyday.
NO BACKPACKS PLEASE!
2. One complete change of clothing in a Ziploc bag with name written on bag.
NO SHOES! Clothing will remain in tote bag in case of accidents or spills.
3. A framed 4x6 photo (or smaller) of your family.
4. An individual photo of your child for his/her cubby.

We look forward to seeing all of you at parent orientation on August 9th! Please have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Watt and Ms. Marcum

Additional supplies requested by age level: (please **do not** label with your child's name):

All-day students:

1. 2 pkgs. embroidery/crewel sewing needles
2. 2 pkgs. hook style needle threaders
3. 1 bag fiberfill
4. 2 pkgs. Crayola crayons 8ct. only please
5. 2 yards each of 2 different fabric prints – 100% cotton
6. 1 bolt, size 10, crochet thread in one of the following colors: yellow, orange, dark blue, dark purple, kelly green, or bright multicolor (we have light multicolor)
7. \$10.00 Wal-Mart gift card (we use this for party supplies so we do not have to ask for money later)
8. 1 roll of clear contact paper
9. Fun shaped sponges, found in the craft department of most supercenters (we use these to hold needles)
10. A 1 inch, plastic, 3 ring binder with pockets on front and back cover
11. 1 package of colored, rectangular, kitchen sponges
12. 3 boxes of tissues
13. 2 different size/color kitchen basters
14. 2 pkgs. of #2 lead pencils, please sharpen
15. 2 different size kitchen tongs (used for transfer work)
16. 2 blue poster boards (not foam core board)

Half day students:

1. 2 bottles Germ-X hand sanitizer
2. 3 pkgs. Crayola crayons (2 8ct. pkgs. and 1 24 ct. pkg.)
3. 1 pkg. 4 pack play dough (playdoh brand please)
4. 2 pkgs. of #2 lead pencils, please sharpen
5. 1 box of bandages
6. 3 boxes tissues
7. 2 blue poster boards (not foam core board)
8. Large pkg. pencil top erasers
9. 3 pkgs. Colored pencils
10. \$10.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card (we use this for party supplies so we do not have to ask for money later)
11. kitchen/hand towel
12. 1 pkg. of cedar shavings for guinea pig
13. 1 pkg. of water colors
14. 2 rolls of ¾ inch Scotch brand transparent (not magic) tape for table top dispensers
15. 1 fiskars brand school scissors with blunt end
16. 3 containers of disinfecting wipes (coupons available in the office for Clorox buy 2, get one free, compliments of Kroger)